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Iowa Pawn Stormers

Jan 3, 2019. Anti Hunger Games VI. U1200 – 5-SS, G/30 d5; Open – 4-SS and G45 d5 or 3-SS, G/60 d5 depending on number of players. Open USCF and FIDE Rapid Rated. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 325 Morman Trek Blvd., Iowa City, IA 52246. **Rounds**: U1200 (RBO) 10am, Lunch, Noon, ASAP. Open 10am then TBD. **Prizes**: Medals to top 5 in RBO; Top 3 in Open. US Chess membership required and available on site. **Entry Fee**: $10 and bring a can of food for the hungry. Onsite payment only. **Registration**: 9-9:45am. **Questions**: Eric Vigil evigil@gmail.com or 319-621-3116.

Jan 5, 2019. 2019 Holiday Swiss FIDE Rated Rapid. 4-SS, G/50 d5. Staybridge Suites West Des Moines, 6905 Lake Drive, West Des Moines, IA 50265. Two Sections: Open and Reserve (U1600). **Rounds**: 10 – 1 – 3:15 – 6. **Prizes**: Open: 1st: $60; 2nd: $30; Reserve: 1st: $40; 2nd: $20 based on 10 per section. **Entry Fee**: Adults $20, Scholastic $15. US Chess Membership required and available on-site ($17 scholastic memberships avialable). **Registration**: 9-9:45am. **Send entry fee to**: Bill Broich, 7149 Windsor Heights, IA 50324 or online at https://www.dsmchess.com/tournaments. **Send entry fee to**: Bill Broich, 7149 Windsor Heights, IA 50324. FIDE rated using FIDE pairing rules and FIDE rapid rules.

Jan 12, 2019. 2nd Annual 2019 Winter Classic. Five scholastic and one parent's sections will be held: K-3 Unrated: (Unrated) 5 Rds; K-3 Open (Rated): 5 Rds; K-6 U1000: 5 Rds; K-12 U1400: 4 Rds; K-12 Open: 3 Rds Free Parents Section: 4 Rds (Unrated, sign up at tournament site). Prairie Pointe Middle School Cafeteria (Location of the Prairie Chess Camp), 8015 Kirkwood Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. **Time Control:** G/30 for K-3 Unrated, K-3 Open, and K-6 U1000; G/45 for K-12 U1400; G/60 for K-12 Open; G/45 for Parents Section; All sections play with a 5-second delay. **Rounds:** K-3 Unrated: 5 Rds, 10a-11a-12:30p-1:45p-3p; K-3 Open (Rated): 5 Rds, 10a-11a-12:30p-1:45p-3p; K-6 U1000: 5 Rds, 10a-11a-12:30p-1:45p-3p; K-12 U1400: 4 Rds, 10a-12p-1:30p-3p; Unrated Parents Section; K-12 Open: 3 Rds, 10a-12:30p-2:30p; Game 10 d/3 playoff for all 1st place ties. **PRIZES Individual Tournament Trophies** K-3 Unrated, 1st - 3rd Overall, Top Score Each Grade (K-3); K-3 Open (Rated), 1st - 3rd Overall, Top Score U600, U400, U200, Unrated; K-6 U1000 1st - 6th Overall , Top Score U700, U500, U300, Unrated; K-12 U1400 1st - 6th Overall , Top Score U1200, U1000, U800, Unrated; K-12 Open 1st - 4th Overall, Top Score U1600; Parents Section (Unrated / No Entry Fee Required); Top Combined Score: Top 3 Siblings, Top 3 Parent/Child; Medal for all 1st Time Tournament Players. **Entry Fee:** $10 if registered before the tournament, $15 on Saturday. Credit cards accepted. (Online registration closes at midnight prior to the tournament) **USCF Memberships:** Available with registration or on-site for $11. **Registration:** 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM. Players registering after 9:30 am will receive 1/2 point bye for the first round and be paired in the 2nd round. **Send early fees:** James Hodina 3411 Blue Pt. Ct. SW Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404. **Additional Info:** James.Hodina@chessiniowa.org, www.chessiniowa.org. Park on the north side of the building (near tennis courts) and enter through the activities entrance by the gymnasium. Concessions and pizza will be available on site. **Contact:** James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pt. Ct. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404, Ph: 319-432-1459, Email: james.hodina@chessiniowa.org

Jan 19, 2019. Iowa Individual Play Team Championships. Northwest Junior High School, 1507 8th St, Coralville, IA 52241. Fours Sections: Elementary K-3 & Elementary K-6 (Combined with separate awards), Junior High and High School (Combined with separate awards). K-6: 5 Rds, G/30 d5; K-12: 4 Rds, G/45 d5. **Rounds**: Elementary: Round 1: 10 am, Round 2: 11:15 am, Lunch, Round 3: 12:30, Round 4 & 5 ASAP; JHS/HS: Round 1: 10 am, Lunch Round 2, 12:00 pm, Round 3: 1:45 pm, Round 4: 3:30 pm. **Prizes**: Trophies for Top 3 K-12 Teams, Top 3 K-9 Teams, Top 5 K-6 Teams and Top 3 K-3 Teams. **Entry Fee:** $15 if received by 12/12; $20 on site. US Chess Membership required and available on-site. **Registration**: On-Site Registration 8:30 am to 9:30 am. Players registering after 9:30 am will received 1/2 pt 1st round bye. Visit www.iowa-chess.org/registration to register and pay online. **Send entry fee to**: Bill Broich, 7149 Windsor Heights, IA 50324 or register online at https://www.onlineregistration.cc/ **Info**: Bill@DSMChess.com. 515-205-8062. Boards & sets will be provided.

Jan 26, 2019. 2019 Individual Grades Championships. Cedar Rapids Prairie Point Middle School; 8015 Kirkwood Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. The tournament involves competition against opponents only from the same grade. (If there are less than 4 players in the same grade, some grades may be grouped for pairing purposes only). There are four rounds of play. Grades K-2 will have 30 minutes for all their moves per game while Grades 3-12 will have 45 minute per game. The players will be matched using the Swiss System to minimize the number of players who win (or lose) all their games. **Time Control**: Grades K-2: G/30 d5; Grades 3-12 G/45 d5; **Rounds**: Grades K-2: 5 Rounds; Grades 3-12 4 Rounds. **Prizes**: Trophies will be awarded for 1st through 3rd place and medals for 4th through 6th place in each grade. All trophies will be awarded regardless of the number of registrations in any individual grade. Medals will also be available for those participating in their first chess tournament. **Entry Fee**: $15 if received by 1/26/2019; $20 on site. US Chess Membership required and available on-site. Registration: On-Site Registration 8:30 am to 9:30 am. Players registering after 9:30 am will received 1/2 pt 1st round bye. Visit www.iowa-chess.org/registration to register and pay online. **Send entry fee to**: Bill Broich, 7149 Windsor Heights, IA 50324 https://www.onlineregistration.cc/ **Info**: Bill@DSMChess.com. 515-205-8062. Boards & sets will be provided.

Jan 31, 2019. Pawnstormers Challenge II (USCF and FIDE Rated). 6-SS, G/5 d2. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 325 Morman Trek Blvd., Iowa City, IA 52246. **Rounds**: 7:30 then ASAP. **Prizes**: none. **Entry Fee**: $5 onsite payment only. US Chess membership required and available on site. **Registration**: 6:30pm till start of first round. **Questions**: Eric Vigil evigil@gmail.com or 319-621-3116. **GM Fidel Corrales Jimenez** will be giving a free chess lecture from 6:30 – 7:30pm and playing in the tournament.

Feb 2-3 2019. 5th Annual Port of Burlington Open FIDE and USCF Rated Iowa State GP Qualifier Event. Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points 10 Enhanced. 5SS , G/90 i30. The Loft of Burlington, 416 Jefferson St., Burlington, IA 52601 **$600 Guaranteed**. Open $200+Trophy-125-100 U2000 $100 U1800 $75 Chess Book for top three Upsets; **EF**: $60 till Jan 28th then $70;. IM and GM free. Iowa State Membership (if resident of Iowa) Req'd, Other States Welcome. **Reg**.: Ends 30 min before round 1. No electronic devices in the playing hall. **Rds**.: Sat 10:00am; 2:30pm; 7:30pm; Sun 9:00am;2:00pm. All Sections One half point bye if requested before round1.Ent:Eric Vigil, 445 Galway Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246. evigil@gmail.com 319-6213116 or online at https://www.onlineregistration.cc/ Additional Info: USCF and FIDE Rated. Feb 2018 USCF Rating supplement will be used for Pairing Purposes .FIDE rules will be used. Espresso machine will be onsite. Birthday cake will be served.

Feb 2nd 2019. Port of Burlington Reserve U1600 4-SS G/60 d5. The Loft of Burlington, 416 Jefferson St., Burlington, IA 52601 **EF** $25, $30 After Jan 28th or onsite **Rounds** 10AM, 12:30pm, 3:45pm Asap **Prizes** $100 1st place, $75 second, $50 3rd U1400 $50 based on 15 entries. (60% payout), Chess Book for best upset and Board Raffle Prizes! Free regular Scholastic membership if expired or new member for all sections. All Sections One half point bye if requested before round1.Ent:Eric Vigil, 445 Galway Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246. evigil@gmail.com 319-6213116 or online at https://www.onlineregistration.cc/ Espresso machine will be onsite. Birthday cake will be served.

Feb 2nd 2019. Port of Burlington RBO. 5-SS. G/30 d5. The Loft of Burlington, 416 Jefferson St., Burlington, IA 52601 **EF** $15, $20 After Jan 28th or onsite. **Rds**: Sat 10, 11, 1pm, rounds 4 and 5 ASAP **Prizes**: Trophies 1-5th place U1000, U800, U600 1st and 2nd U400 1st and 2nd, U200 1st and Unrated 1st and 2nd, Board Raffle Prizes . All Sections One half point bye if requested before round1.Ent:Eric Vigil, 445 Galway Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246. evigil@gmail.com 319-6213116 or online at https://www.onlineregistration.cc/ Espresso machine will be onsite. Birthday cake will be served.

2/9/2019. Iowa Scholastic Match-Play Team Championships. FFA Enrichment Center, 1055 SW Prairie Trail Parkway, Ankeny, Iowa 50023. Three Sections: K-6, K-9, and K-12, 4 Round Swiss System, G/45 - Match play head-to-head. **Time Control**: K-6: 5 Rds, G/30 d5; K-12: 4 Rds, G/45 d5. **Rounds**: Elementary: Round 1: 10 am, Round 2: 11:15 am, Lunch, Round 3: 12:30, Round 4 & 5 ASAP; JHS/HS: Round 1: 10 am, Lunch Round 2, 12:00 pm, Round 3: 1:45 pm, Round 4: 3:30 pm. **Prizes**: Trophies for Top 3 K-12 Teams, Top 3 K-9 Teams, Top 6 K-6 Teams. **Entry Fee**: $15 if received by 02/08/2019 $20 on site. **Registration**: On-Site Registration 8:30 am to 9:30 am. Players registering after 9:30 am will received 1/2 pt 1st round bye. Visit https://www.onlineregistration.cc/ to register and pay online. Details can be found at http://www.iowa-chess.org/ **Send entry fee to**: Bill Broich, 7149 Windsor Heights, IA 50324 https://www.onlineregistration.cc/ **Info**: Bill@DSMChess.com. 515-205-8062. Team Eligibility: Teams are of 4 students attending the same school; Up to two players may play for their feeder school; 6th Graders in Middle School may play for former K-5 school.

February 23, 2019. Iowa High School and K-8 Championships- Barber/Denker. 4-SS; G/60 d5 for both sections.The High School (Grades 9-12) Champion will be the Iowa representive to the US Denker Tournament of High School Champions. The K-8 Champions will will be the Iowa representive to the US Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions. Iowa City Gloria Dei Lutheran Church; 123 E Market St, Iowa City, IA 52245. **Rounds**: 4 Rounds each section. If less than 8 players enter in any section, TD will reduce that section to 3 rounds. Start Times: 10am - 12:30 pm - 3:00pm - 5:30 pm. Awards ceremony at 6:45 pm. **Prizes**: Winner receiveds stipend to attend for Iowa State Chess Association. The stipend depends on finances throughout scholastic tournament series of events but is typically $300 to $400 per representative. **Awards**: High School: Top 3 Individuals; Top Score U1400, U1000, Grades K- 8: Top 3 Individuals; Top Score U1200, U1000, U800, U600 & U400. Top Unrated eligible for "best" class prize. **Entry Fee**: $15 if received by 2/5; $20 on site. US Chess Membership required and available on-site. **Registration**: On-Site Registration 8:30 am to 9:30 am. Players registering after 9:30 am will received 1/2 pt 1st round bye. Visit www.iowa-chess.org/registration to register and pay online. **Send entry fee to**: Bill Broich, 7149 Windsor Heights, IA 50324 https://www.onlineregistration.cc/ **Info**: Bill@DSMChess.com. 515-205-8062. Boards & sets will be provided.

A State Championship Event!
Feb 23, 2019 Iowa Senior Championship
4-SS Paired Players must be over 50. G/60, D5, **Where:** Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 123 E Market St. Iowa City, IA 52246, **Reg:** 9:00 to 9:30 am. Online registration at **www.onlineregistration.cc** **Rounds:** 10 am-1:00pm-4:00-7:00 pm. **Entry Fee:** $20. IASCA membership required **Prize Info:** 1st place $100 + trophy and the right to represent Iowa if a National State Senior Chess Champion tournament to be held at the US Open along side the Barber/Denker/NGTOC., 2nd place $50 3rd Place $25 **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On Site Available. **IASCA membership required**, $10 On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** Checks payable to Eric G. Vigil **Additional Info:** Friends and Family Section $5 entry and play just for fun in an under 50 section with the exact same playing conditions as the Senior Open.

March 2-3, 2019. 2019 Cedar Rapids Leather Jackets Open IASCA GP Qualifier. 5-SS; G/90+30. Open with Class prizes. **USCF & FIDE Rated** Physician Clinic of Iowa, Community Resource Center, Third Floor 202 10th Street SE ,3rd Floor, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403 Rds: Sat 10-2:30-7:15, Sun 9-2. **Prizes:** All Open Prizes ($730 b/16). 1st Place = $250 + trophy, 2nd Place = $175, 3rd Place = $125, U2000 & U1800 $90 each. **Entry Fee**: $50 if registered on or before 2/28, $60 afterward or on-site. **USCF Membership** is required. **IASCA Membership is required.** Can be

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Hello From the Editor:

Inside you will find contributions from: Eric Vigil, Bill Broich, Ming Lodh, Nathan Chen, Owen Fiedorowicz, Michael Takahashi, Jim Hodina, Audrey Sellon, Aryen Harwani, Ishan Harwani, A.J. Kozich, Eli Copeland,Isabelle Fiedorowicz, Owen Fiedorowicz, Joziah Power, Stan Bujakowski, Kian Thompson, Anish Lodh, Aadarsh Kumar, Kyros Wu, Omkar Yadav, and Cameron Gilbertson, Rick Rector, Tony Britton, Sam Naylor, Srinivas Rao, Anjaneya Rao, and Mark Capron.

Photos by Jim Hodina, Eric Vigil, Tony Britton, and Mark Capron.

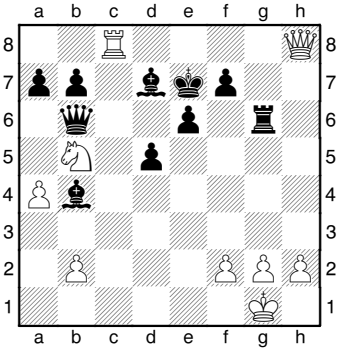
Eric Vigil has done it again and is bringing in another GM. **GM Fidel Corrales Jimenez** will be giving two lectures. One on Jan 31 in Iowa City and one in Burlington on February 1. For details see page 7.

This is a very nice issue as we had several very nice articles submitted. Jim Hodina and the Pawn Stormers have sent in a fabulous article and annotated games. Srinivas Rao writes an excellent article about the K-12 Nationals. Rick Rector and Tony Britton teamed up on an article on the Moline Open. Bill Broich chimed in with an article on the Des Moines Fall Classic that included two nicely annotated games. Finally I have included a look back over my 17 years of being the editor.

Due to an upcoming job change I will be moving out of state. I am resigning as editor of the *En Passant*. This is my last issue. My position as Treasurer will be up for election at the annual meeting as well.

As always when you see chess news please submit it. —Mark Capron

Puzzle Time:



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The Okoboji Open will not be held in 2019.

Errata: Apologies go out to Sam Naylor for incorrectly printing his roman numeral as IV instead of the correct VI. Sam has a pretty good story about the origins of his name. See page 33 for it.

"Combinations have always been the most intriguing aspect of Chess. The masters look for them, the public applauds them, the critics praise them. It is because combinations are possible that Chess is more than a lifeless mathematical exercise. They are the poetry of the game; they are to Chess what melody is to music. They represent the triumph of mind over matter"
(Reuben Fine)

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purchased ahead of time at iowa-chess.org Memberships also available on site. Out of State accepted. **Registration**: 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM **Send early fees to**: James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pointe Ct. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 or register online at https://www.onlineregistration.cc/

March 2, 2019. 2019 Cedar Rapids Leather Jackets Reserve Under USCF 1600 4SS. G/75, +5. Physician Clinic of Iowa, Community Room (3rd Floor), 202 10th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403 **Rounds:** Four rounds: 10 AM, 1:15 PM, 4:15 PM, 7:15 PM **Prizes:** Reserve (b/24), 1st = $140, 2nd = $90, U1400, U1200, U1000 = $45, each. Unrateds eligible for 1st and 2nd prizes only. **Entry Fee:** $30 if registered on or before 2/28, $40 afterward or on-site. USCF Membership is required. IASCA Membership is NOT required. Memberships are available on site. **Registration:** 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM. **Send early fees to:** James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pointe Ct. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 or register online at https://www.onlineregistration.cc/

March 9, 2019. 2019 Iowa K-12 Scholastic Open Championship & K-8, K-5, and K-3 Section Championships. The Iowa Scholastic Championship! The season finale that pits top scholastic players (regardless of grade) for the top scholastic player in Iowa. Cedar Rapids Prairie Point Middle School; 8015 Kirkwood Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. **Time Control**: Grades K – 3 & K – 5, Game/30; Grades K – 8, Game/45; Grade K-12 Open Championship, Game/60. **Rounds**: Grades K – 3 & K – 5, 5 Rounds, Game/30 Rd 1-3: 10:30, 11:30, 1:00 pm, Rds 4 & 5 ASAP; Grades K – 8, 4 Rounds, Game/45 Rd 1: 10:30 Rd: 2 12:15, Rds 3 & 4 ASAP; Grade K-12 Open Championship, 4 Rounds, Game/60 Rd 1: 10:15 am, Rd 2: 12:30 pm, Rd 3: 2:45 pm, Rd 4: 5:00 pm. **Prizes**: All Sections: Top 5 Scores Overall, K-12 Open Section: Top U800, U1000, U1200 & UNR; K-8 Section: Top U600, U800, U1000 & UNR; K-5 section: Top U400, U600, U800 & UNR; K-3 Section: Top scores U200, U400, U600, & UNR. **Entry Fee:** $15 in advance; $20 on site. US Chess Membership required and available on-site. **Registration**: On-Site Registration 8:30 am to 9:30 am. Players registering after 9:30 am will received 1/2 pt 1st round bye. Visit www.iowa-chess.org/registration to register and pay online. **Send entry fee to**: Bill Broich, 7149 Windsor Heights, IA 50324 https://www.onlineregistration.cc/ **Info**: Bill@DSMChess.com. 515-205-8062. Boards & sets will be provided.

May 17 – 19. 2019 Port of Dubuque (Dual USCF and FIDE rated). 5-SS, G/90;+30. Open and Reserve (U1800). Grand River Center, 500 Bell Street, Dubuque, Iowa 52001. Playing site of the 2018 Ice Harbor Scholastic Open. Every player has their own table! SCHEDULE (Open & Reserve). 3-Day Schedule Schedule: Onsite Registration: Registration ends Friday 6:30 pm Rounds: Fri 7 pm, Sat 10 am & 4 pm, Sun 9 am & 2:30 pm. G90; +30 all rounds. 2-Day Schedule Schedule: Onsite Registration: Registration ends Saturday 9:15 am. Rounds: Sat 10 am & 1 pm Merge with 3-day schedule on Round 3, Sat, at 4 pm. Sun 9 am & 2:30 pm. Rounds 1 and 2 G/60, d10. First two rounds in FIDE Schedule are ***not*** FIDE rated. **PRIZES**: **Open**: $2300 Based on 60 players. $1000 $600 $300 (Top 1 Prizes Guaranteed.) U2200 1st = $125, 2nd = $75; U2000 = 1st = $125, 2nd = $75 Unrated players qualify for 1st - 3rd place prizes only (not class prizes). **Reserve**: $1250 Based on 60 players. $400 $250 $150 (Top 1 Prizes Guaranteed.) U1600 1st = $100, 2nd = $50; U1400 = 1st = $100, 2nd = $50; U1200 1st = $100, 2nd = $50 Unrated players qualify for 1st - 3rd place prizes only (not class prizes). **ENTRY FEE: Open:** $65.00 on or before May 1, $ 75.00 after May 1, $ 85.00 on-site GM/IM Free Entry (Deducted from Prize) an IASCA Grand Prix Qualifying Event State Affiliate membership required, dues $10, Other state memberships accepted. **Reserve**: $45.00 on or before May 1, $ 55.00 after May 1, $ 65.00 on-site. State Affiliate membership required, dues 10, Other state memberships accepted. **SEND ENTRIES TO:** Online entries to www.onlineregistration.cc under Chess in Iowa. Mail Entries James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pointe Ct. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. **Byes**: 1/2 pt bye okay for all rounds, limit 2, must commit before start of round 2. **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** James Hodina. Phone: 319-432-1459. E-mail: james.hodina@chessiniowa.org. Official Web Site: http://www.chessiniowa.org. Side Events: Friday Night Bughouse @ 7:30 pm, Saturday Night Biltz @ 8:30 pm. EF: $10 each, per player. 80% entries returned in prizes. **PLAYING SITE ACCOMMODATIONS:** Grand Harbor Resort & Water Park, $119/night, includes 4 water park passes. Call (563) 690-4000 ext 1 for reservations. Room block held through 5 pm, April 17, 2019. No Smoking. No Computers. Wheelchair Accessible. Boards and sets provide (wood sets on Boards 1-8). Please bring clocks.

Nov 8-10. 2019 Ice Harbor Scholastic Open. Six Scholastic Sections to choose from plus three scholastic and two adult side events. For more details on event and hotel, visit the tournament website at www.iceharborchess.com

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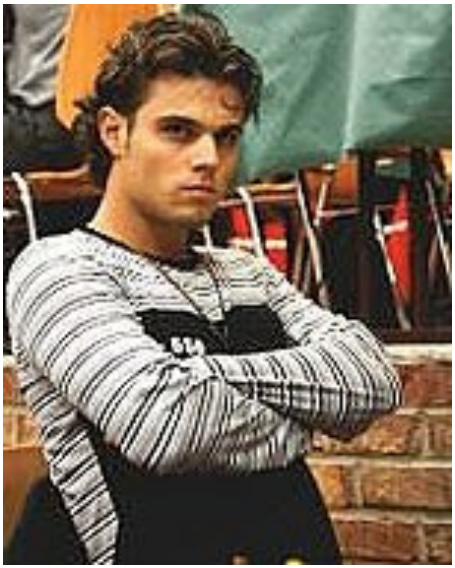
GM Fidel Corrales Jimenez to give lecture on Jan 31 in Iowa City, Iowa and Feb 1st in Burlington, Iowa

GM Fidel Corrales Jimenez will be giving two 1 hour lectures in Iowa. The first will be in Iowa City at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Iowa City at 6:30 PM to be followed by a 6 round FIDE rated Blitz chess tournament. G5 d2 entry fee $5 no prizes. (lecture is free).

Then Friday evening he will be giving a lecture at the Evans' Holly Grove Inn Bed and Breakfast 616 Columbia St. in Burlington Iowa at 7pm. Following he will be playing in the 5th Annual Port of Burlington Open on Saturday and Sunday. Birthday Cake will be served.



Qualifier Points

Player	Points	Events
Joseph Cheng-Yue Wan	39.6	6
James Alex Neal II	36.2	6
Cub Rollin-Lloyd Noble	27.2	7
Valeriy Kosokin	23.4	4
Tim R Mc Entee	23.3	4
Michael John Takahashi	23.1	7
Daniel Brashaw	23.0	4
Alex Richter	16.5	2
Arshaq Saleem	15.8	1
Nathan Chen	14.4	3
Gregory Gage Peterson	13.8	3
Daniel Vasto	9.7	2
Robert L Reynolds	9.0	2
Tony D Thompson	7.5	1
Edin Divanovic	7.0	2
Christopher Nienart	6.0	1
Owen Fiedorowicz	5.3	1
Gokul Thangavel	5.2	2
Artur Mueller	5.0	2
Benjamin J Darr	3.9	3
Timothy Harrington-Taber	3.0	2
James Hodina	3.0	1
William John Polzin	3.0	1
Thomas Gaul	2.9	4
Abhyudaya Shukla	2.7	2
Anjaneya Rao	2.0	2
Sergey Popov	2.0	1
Thomas Hesse	1.5	3
Stephen W Lapinsky	1.5	2
Shawn Nevalainen	1.3	2
Jason Kolberg	1.0	1
Shantanu Agarwal	1.0	1
Anish Lodh	0.7	2
Anjali Lodh	0.5	2
Jacob T Vigil	0.5	2
Joseph Ronald Millam	0.5	1
Eric Golf Vigil	0.5	1
Don Bruemmer	0.3	1
Adam C Gib	0.3	1
James Francescon	0.3	1
Yesdaulet Izenov	0.2	1

Thunder Kings Capture 2018 Des Moines Fall Classic Open

By Bill Broich

Twenty-nine players competed in the 2018 Des Moines Fall Classic Open held at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines, Iowa on October 27-28. Reserve and RBO sections were held in conjunction with the main event. Fifteen players competed in the reserve section and 31 played in the RBO section.

Open

Michael Takahashi and Nathan Chen scored 4 of a possible 5 points in the open section to tie for first place. Takahashi and Chen are members of the Thunder Kings from the Iowa City area. The Thunder Kings are a group of young talented players taught by NM James Neal. Ironically Neal withdrew from the tournament after a third-round loss as did NM Alex Richter. The students out-performed the teacher in this year's event.

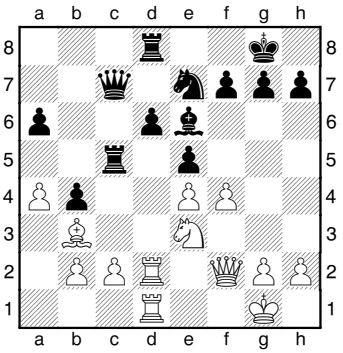
Four players, Valeriy Kosokin, Asish Panda, Cub Noble, and Edin Divanovic scored 3.5 points. Divanovic gained 76 rating points, Anjaneya Rao gained 64 rating points, and Chen picked-up 52 rating points, while Noble cracked 1900. Players from seven states, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, and Wisconsin competed in the Open section.

Both Takahashi and Chen won crucial 5th round games to tie for 1st place. The following is Chen's fifth round games against NM Tim Mc Entee, a four-time Iowa state champion.

Nathan,Chen (1933) − Tim,Mc Entee (2200) [B32] 2018 Des Moines Fall Classic (5), 28.10.2018

Annotated by Nathan Chen

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 e5 5.♘b5 d6 6.♘1c3 a6 7.♘a3 ♗e7 [This move seems really passive, I think b5 is better, but I guess it works. 7...b5 8.♘d5 ♘f6 9.♗g5 ♗e7 10.♗×f6 ♗×f6 11.c4 b4 12.♘c2 a5 13.g3 0-0] **8.♘c4 b5 9.♘e3 ♘f6 10.♗d3 0-0 11.0-0 ♖b8 12.a4 b4 13.♘cd5 ♘×d5 14.♘×d5 ♗g5 15.♗e3** [I don't want to make his queen active by taking the bishop, so instead I offer him to take my bishop which allows me to take back with the knight, giving me a pretty good position.] **15...♗×e3 16.♘×e3 ♘e7** [He wants to play d5 and get rid of his d6 pawn.] **17.♗c4 ♗b7 18.f3 ♕b6 19.♕d2 ♖bc8 20.♕f2 ♖fd8 21.♖fd1 ♖c5 22.♖d2 ♕c7 23.♗b3** [This move is sort of iffy, I think b3 is better because it allows the bishop to also point at a6. 23.b3 I think doubling up rooks here would make my position better.] **23...♗c8 24.♖ad1 ♗e6 25.f4**



[25.♗×e6 f×e6 I really didn't like this because it allows him the chance of playing d5 later.; 25.♖d3 This doesn't allow black to double my pawns. So, I probably could have played this.] **25...♗×b3 26.c×b3 ♖c1 27.♘c4** [27.f5 This could be interesting, maybe looking to play for a kingside attack.] **27...♖×d1+ 28.♖×d1 e×f4 29.♕×f4 ♕c5+ 30.♕f2 ♕h5 31.♕d4** [31.♖d2 I think the queen is better on f2 then on d4 because the rook is already potentially creating a pin (with e5)] **31...d5** [31...♘c6 32.♕d3 ♕g5 33.♘×d6 ♕c5+ 34.♔h1 ♘e5 35.♕d5 ♕c2 This looks really weird.] **32.♘e3 h6 33.e×d5** [33.♕×b4 ♕e5 34.♘×d5 ♘×d5 35.♕d4] **33...♖d6 34.♕×b4** [I think it's losing here.] **34...♕g6 35.♕b7** [35.♕c5 I could try to push on the queenside here.] **35...♕e4 36.♕b8+ ♔h7 37.♕×d6 ♕×e3+ 38.♔f1 ♘f5 39.♕×a6 g6 40.♕d3 ♕e5**

41.♔g1 ♘d6 42.a5 ♕×b2 43.a6 ♕a3 44.b4 ♕×b4 45.♕d4
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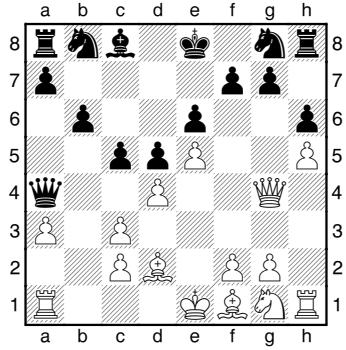
Takahashi defeats NM Valeriy Kosokin in the 5th round games to tie for 1st place. He stays on pace to qualify for the Iowa Closed Championship. The Thunder Kings prevail in the 2018 Des Moines Fall Classic!

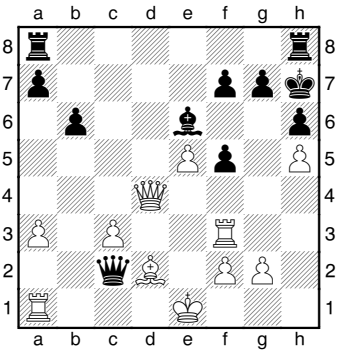
NM Kosokin,Valeriy (2165) − Takahashi, Michael (2037) [C18] 2018 Des Moines Fall Classic Open (5), 28.10.2018

Annotated by Michael Takahashi

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 [An interesting reply. Although this is Kosokin's main reply against the French, he had played the Exchange Variation against Nathan Chen with great success. I was well prepared for both lines.] **3...♗b4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♗×c3+ 6.b×c3 ♕a5 7.♗d2 ♕a4 8.h4!?** [This move surprised me a bit. Kosokin had relied heavily on ♕b1 in past games, winning several critical games against me. I rejected c×d4 for the correct reason:] **8...b6** [8...c×d4 9.♕g4 g6 *(9...♘e7 10.♕×g7 ♖g8 11.♕×h7±)* 10.♗d3 ♘c6 11.♘f3±] **9.h5 h6!?** [As it turns out, ignoring the threat of h6 was also possible: 9...♘e7 10.h6 g×h6 11.♗×h6 *(11.♘f3 ♗a6 12.♗×h6 ♗×f1 13.♔×f1 ♘d7 14.♔g1 ♖c8=)* 11...♗a6 12.♘f3 ♗×f1 13.♔×f1 ♘d7 14.♕e2=] **10.♕g4** [These



positions are quite different from the Winawer positions we see after ♕b1. With Black's king on f8, king safety becomes more of an issue. However, White can still generate quite a bit of pressure in the center. White has more space on the kingside, therefore, he should concentrate his play there. Black has more space on the queenside, therefore, his focus should be on that side of the board.] **10...♔f8 11.♖h3 ♘e7!** [The best move, intending to meet ♖g3 with ♘f5.] **12.♗d3!** [A very tricky reply. Black must play this move to stay in the game.] **12...♘f5!** [Other moves would have been disastrous: 12...♗a6? 13.♖g3 ♖g8 14.♗h7+-; 12...c4? 13.♖g3! ♖g8 14.♗h7+-] **13.♘e2 ♘c6!** [This move is correct. Indeed, it does seem to break the logic of the Winawer in that Black likes to put his knights on d7 and c6. But here, the knight on c6 is fine without the other on d7 since White will never be able to take on c5 safely.] **14.♕f3 c×d4?!** [This may have been one of my few mistakes during this game. Black would've been better served playing ♗a6. 14...♗a6! This is a surprising move because it seems to lose the exchange on f5. As it turns out, it works tactically. 15.♗×f5 *(15.♕f4 ♗×d3 16.c×d3 ♔g8 17.d×c5 ♕×f4 18.♗×f4 b×c5 19.g4 ♘fe7 20.♗e3 c4=; 15.g4 ♘fe7 16.♕f4 ♗×d3 17.c×d3 ♔g8 18.d×c5 ♕×f4 19.♗×f4 b×c5 20.♗e3 ♘×e5 21.♗×c5 ♘7c6=)* 15...e×f5 16.♕×f5 ♗c8!-+] **15.♗×f5?!** [Of course, White had intended this move when he played Qg4 on move 10. Although White does get his pawn back, he is much worse in these variations. He missed his chance to play: 15.♕f4 b5 16.♗×f5 e×f5 17.e6 ♗×e6 18.♕d6+ ♘e7 19.♘×d4±] **15...e×f5 16.♕×d5 ♗e6 17.♕d6+ ♔g8 18.♘×d4 ♘×d4 19.♕×d4 ♕×c2 20.♖f3 ♔h7** [This is a good time to evaluate the position. White doesn't have an attack on the king. Meanwhile, Black has many advantages such as White's king position and his bad bishop.]



21.♕d3 ♕b3 22.♗e3! [This is the best move and the best approach for White to put up a stubborn defense. The idea is to relocate the bishop to d4 where it protects crucial pawns at c3 and e5 and clogs up the d file. Other moves would have been worse: 22.♖f4?! ♖hd8 23.♕e3 ♕b2∓; 22.c4?! ♕a4 23.♗b4 ♖hd8 24.♗d6 ♗×c4∓] **22...♖hd8 23.♗d4 ♔g8 24.♖e3 ♖ac8 25.♕b1 ♕c4 26.♕b4 ♕d5 27.f3?!** [This seems to be a mistake. Objectively, White's king safety problems will cause him a lot of trouble, especially with the presence of opposite colored bishops. The more principled ♔f1! would have been better. 27.♔f1 f4 28.♖f3 ♕e4 29.♕e7 ♗g4 30.e6 ♗×e6 31.♕h4 ♖×d4 32.c×d4 ♕×d4 33.♖e1 ♖c4∓ Black is still better, but White can fight on.] **27...♖c4 28.♕b2** [At this point, my opponent was defending fairly well so my goal was to create small problems for him.] **28...♕a5 29.♔f2** [Sidestepping ♖×d4] **29...♕a4** [Another tricky move, threatening ♖d×d4 and ♖c2+] **30.♖e2 ♖d5 31.♔g3 ♕d7!** [This was the second stage of my plan. With White's pieces on the queenside, I tried to open a second front on the kingside to create another weakness (principle of two weaknesses).] **32.♖d2 f4+!** [A strong move to gain space on the kingside, and creating issues for White's king safety.] **33.♔×f4?!** [A mistake. White should not play f4, thereby inviting Black to play ♖×e5.] **33...♖×e5!!** [As it turns out, taking this rook will have severe consequences for White.] **34.♔g3** [If ♔×e5, White gets mated in unique fashion. 34.♔×e5 ♕d5+ 35.♔f4 ♕g5+ 36.♔e4 ♗f5+ 37.♔d5 *(37.♔e5 ♗c2+ 38.♔d6 ♕d8+ 39.♔e5 ♕f6+ 40.♔d5 ♕e6#)* 37...♗d3+ 38.♗e5 ♕f5! 39.♕×b6 a×b6 40.f4 ♕e6#] **34...♖g5+ 35.♔f2 ♕c7** [The king hunt begins! After a long battle on the queenside, Black shifts to the kingside to stage a final assault against White's king. I try to make threats with each of my moves to have White continually looking for a solution.] **36.♖g1 ♕g3+ 37.♔e2 ♕h2 38.♗f2 ♖c8 39.g4** [39.♖d4 ♗c4+ 40.♔d1 ♖×g2 41.♖×g2 ♕×g2 42.♔c1 ♕h1+ 43.♖d1 ♕×h5-+ Is also hopeless for white] **39...♗c4+ 40.♔d1 ♕f4** [Threatening the pawn on f3.] **41.♖g3** [The final sequence is quite interesting.] **41...♖b5 42.♕c1 ♗d5! 43.♖d3?** [This was move that lost White the game, but White was under a lot of pressure anyways.] **43...♗b3+!** [A deflection of the king's protection of the white queen. This was a memorable game for me, as I finished the event with 4/5 and a share for first place. Aside from being the first Iowa qualifying tournament that I had ever won, I played 5 high quality games from start to finish. I also gained 10.5 qualifying points, which put my qualification campaign for the Iowa Closed back on track.] **0-1**

Reserve

Fifteen players competed in the Reserve section. Mrithuul Madan Prasad scored 3.5 points out of four to claim first place. Steve Jacobs, Robert Vance, Rex Gray and Navneet Ramkumar each scored 3 points to tie for second through fifth. Jacobs, Vance, and Gray are longtime IASCA members. These players are the backbone of tournament chess! They've been playing for years and it's good to see these guys take home a little prize money.

Gray gained 127 rating points in four games! Prasad gained 48 rating points and Ramkumar gained 33 points.

RBO

Thirty-one players battled five rounds in the RBO section. Anirudh Soni and Niko Nixon tied for first place scoring 4.5 points of five possible. Four players finished a half-point behind the winners with four points each: Wyatt Hammes, Ishan Harwani, James Martin, and Amogh Jithendra.

Wyatt Hammes, gained 121 rating points, Nixon gained 91 points, Soni gained 71 and Noah Hammes picked-up 59 rating points.

Congratulations to the winners and thank you all for playing in this annual event.

Crosstables are below:

#	Player	St	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Takahashi, Michael	IA	2037*	2063*	W29	W10	D7	D5	W3	4.0
2	Chen, Nathan	IA	1933*	1985*	W18	W6	L3	W8	W7	4.0
3	Kosokin, Valeriy	IA	2165*	2162*	W22	W14	W2	D7	L1	3.5
4	Panda, Asish	MO	1968*	1971*	D12	W28	D8	W9	D5	3.5
5	Noble, Cub Rollin	IA	1884*	1910*	D15	W26	W21	D1	D4	3.5
6	Divanovic, Edin	IA	1776*	1852*	W20	L2	W18	W17	D10	3.5
7	Mc Entee, Tim R	IA	2200*	2200*	W11	W17	D1	D3	L2	3.0
8	Province, Cael Do	KS	1880*	1892*	W23	D21	D4	L2	W16	3.0
9	Peterson, Gregory	IA	1938*	1935*	D24	W15	D20	L4	W18	3.0
10	Konezny, Stuart	MN	1888*	1885*	W19	L1	D12	W22	D6	3.0
11	Baker, Sean	NE	1765*	1774*	L7	D16	W26	W13	D12	3.0
12	Ellis, James S	WI	1717*	1775*	D4	D13	D10	W14	D11	3.0
13	Gaul, Thomas	IA	1833*	1806*	D28	D12	D22	L11	W24	2.5
14	Chen, Megan	IL	1868*	1857*	W25	L3	H0	L12	W22	2.5
15	Popov, Sergey	IA	1637*	1651*	D5	L9	D24	W19	D17	2.5
16	Rao, Anjaneya	IA	1489*	1553*	L17	D11	W25	W27	L8	2.5
17	Dutiel, Tony	NE	1819*	1801*	W16	L7	H0	L6	D15	2.0
18	Moerlien, Puwit S	KS	1703*	1698*	L2	W19	L6	W28	L9	2.0
19	Plotnick, Jacob	IL	1426*	1422*	L10	L18	B0	L15	W26	2.0
20	Richter, Alex	IA	2349*	2328*	L6	W24	D9	U0	U0	1.5
21	Neal, James Alex,	IA	2241*	2219*	W27	D8	L5	U0	U0	1.5
22	Freerksen, Jim S	IA	1745*	1728*	L3	W25	D13	L10	L14	1.5
23	Yadav, Omkar	IA	1616*	1602*	L8	D27	H0	D26	U0	1.5
24	Kodipparambil, Ad	IL	1476*	1492*	D9	L20	D15	D25	L13	1.5
25	Reedy, Edward	IL	1424*	1406*	L14	L22	L16	D24	B0	1.5
26	Girish, Adarsh	IL	1328*	1322*	B0	L5	L11	D23	L19	1.5
27	Sayler, David	MO	1766*	1731*	L21	D23	H0	L16	U0	1.0
28	Rector, Richard	IA	1619*	1609*	D13	L4	H0	L18	U0	1.0
29	Walker, Brent P	IA	1743*	1738*	L1	U0	U0	U0	U0	0.0

#	Player	St	Pre-R	Post-R	Pre-Q	Post-Q	1	2	3	4	T
1	Prasad, Mrithuul	IA	1356*	1404*	1068*	1169*	W11	W13	W2	H0	3.5
2	Jacobs, Steve	IA	1493*	1497*	1271*	1295*	W12	W8	L1	W5	3.0
3	Vance, Robert S	IA	1465*	1471*	1284*	1319*	W9	W4	L5	W8	3.0
4	Ramkumar, Navneet	KS	1278*	1311*	1230*	1256*	W10	L3	W13	W7	3.0
5	Gray, Rex H	IA	1278*	1405*	1212*	1320*	W6	W7	W3	L2	3.0
6	Johnson, Daniel	IA	1486*	1454*	1356*	1329*	L5	W9	D11	W12	2.5
7	Panda, Aaradhya	MO	1289*	1282*	1293*	1269*	W14	L5	W10	L4	2.0
8	Kolli, Sai	NE	1291*	1308*	1223*	1219*	W15	L2	W14	L3	2.0
9	Rao, Srinivas	IA	1160*	1163*	1112*	1104*	L3	L6	B0	W11	2.0
10	Holden, Michael E	IA	1300/00	1209/04	1300/00	1108/04	L4	W15	L7	W13	2.0
11	Krueger, Aidan	IA	1075*	1069*	998*	984*	L1	B0	D6	L9	1.5
12	Ducharme, Aidan	IA	1025*	1042*	980*	985*	L2	L14	W15	L6	1.0
13	Ullas, Smitha	IL	331/17	330/20	610/14	603/17	B0	L1	L4	L10	1.0
14	Nossuli, Bernard	IA	1300/00	1080/03	1300/00	1029/03	L7	W12	L8	U0	1.0
15	Pattrick, Earney	MO	1538*	1500*	1299*	1200*	L8	L10	L12	U0	0.0

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1	Nixon, Niko	IA	841*	932*	919*	984*	W29	W12	W10	W9	D2	4.5
2	Soni, Anirudh Ana	IA	934*	1007*	938*	1023*	W20	W11	W6	W3	D1	4.5
3	Harwani, Ishan S	IA	850*	888*	870*	901*	W14	W13	W18	L2	W8	4.0
4	Jithendra, Amogh	IA	754*	771*	746*	773*	W22	L19	W21	W13	W10	4.0
5	Martin, James D	IA	819*	819*	873*	862*	W30	L18	W26	W15	W12	4.0
6	Hammes, Wyatt	IA	704*	824*	685*	829*	W15	W26	L2	W18	W9	4.0
7	Nixon, Nolon	IA	880*	818*	848*	795*	L17	W25	W20	L10	W24	3.0
8	Anbukumar, Satvik	IA	769*	729*	785*	745*	L21	W31	W17	W19	L3	3.0
9	Harwani, Aryan	IA	771*	760*	868*	840*	W28	W17	W19	L1	L6	3.0
10	Ji, Austin Yongqi	IA	683*	700*	753*	754*	W31	W21	L1	W7	L4	3.0
11	Matcha, Madan	IA	641*	635*	667*	659*	W23	L2	L15	W22	W21	3.0
12	Suresh, Jacob	IA	546/23	629*	564/23	625*	W25	L1	W14	W16	L5	3.0
13	Hu, Mengdie	NE	771*	756*	767*	755*	W24	L3	W23	L4	W20	3.0
14	Kneifl, Miles Nic	IA	366/09	431/13	369/09	429/13	L3	B0	L12	W23	W29	3.0
15	Feher, Kirk	IA	1300/00	763/05	1300/00	789/05	L6	W24	W11	L5	W19	3.0
16	Ji, Daniel Yongli	IA	805/05	656/10	522/15	510/20	L18	W30	W29	L12	D17	2.5
17	Hammes, Noah	IA	486*	546*	504*	543*	W7	L9	L8	W26	D16	2.5
18	Shivapur, Asim	IA	463*	614*	473*	603*	W16	W5	L3	L6	H0	2.5
19	Nossuli, Julien	IA	525/24	543*	593*	600*	W27	W4	L9	L8	L15	2.0
20	Zambreno, Joseph,	IA	619*	602*	632*	612*	L2	W27	L7	W25	L13	2.0
21	Hammes, Melinda	IA	298/05	390/09	279/05	391/09	W8	L10	L4	B0	L11	2.0
22	Hu, Yuyan Julia	NE	137/21	150/25	137/21	150/25	L4	L23	B0	L11	W30	2.0
23	Deb, Saurav	IA	490/00	280/04	490/00	290/04	L11	W22	L13	L14	B0	2.0
24	Goding, Rick	IA	1300/00	498/05	1300/00	496/05	L13	L15	W31	W29	L7	2.0
25	Deb, Shaurya	IA	592/00	409/05	592/00	409/05	L12	L7	W27	L20	W31	2.0
26	Madan Prasad, L	IA	103/06	125/10	103/06	128/10	B0	L6	L5	L17	D27	1.5
27	Khan, Rayhan	IA	601/00	224/05	601/00	239/05	L19	L20	L25	W30	D26	1.5
28	Von Gillern, Jp	IA	163/05	144/09	182/05	153/09	L9	L29	L30	W31	H0	1.5
29	Yeluri, Digvijay	IA	479/16	412/21	482/16	405/21	L1	W28	L16	L24	L14	1.0
30	Ducharme, Derek	IA	294/05	207/10	294/05	199/10	L5	L16	W28	L27	L22	1.0
31	Khan, Luqmaan	IA	495/00	101/05	495/00	101/05	L10	L8	L24	L28	L25	0.0

The Iowa Pawn Stormers Scholastic Team Rain in Minneapolis

By Jim Hodina

Scholastic chess often competes for the attention of students with other activities as well. And I, like many chess organizers, often work with students to accommodate schedules so that they can do it all (need a Round 1 bye, anybody?). That said, chess instructors and coaches need to keep pushing the envelope to make organized chess more attractive for our scholastic players. Like it or not, we are in competition for their time. For every student that says, "Sorry, I have a basketball tournament and cannot play chess Saturday," let's hear a student say, "Coach, I'm sorry I cannot play in the game Saturday because I have a chess tournament." To achieve that vision, scholastic chess has to keep trying new things.

I have always been astounded by the immense dedication and effort of families in organized youth athletics. Hearing stories of parents taking their kids to late evening practice and traveling across the Midwest for tournaments left me jealous for a similar response to chess. They have a commitment to practice, a willingness to travel and compete, and most of all the sense of belonging to a high performing team. To create a chess culture like other youth sports does not seem unrealistic. Individually, our chess parents and students are remarkable, traveling across the US for Nationals. All that was missing was a unifying place.

US Master Dan Brashaw and I were chatting after a meeting at the Cedar Rapids Chess Club. I shared with Dan my thoughts about organized scholastic chess and my ambition to have what the other organized sports enjoyed. After much discussions, we identified some key paraments for a new scholastic chess group. We invite scholastic players from around the Iowa City-Cedar Rapids area to join our chess team. We recruit the highest potential players while maintaining a diversity among grade levels, geography, and gender. We hold weekly practices, with lessons delivered by Dan and me, and traveling around the midwest to premier events where we coach the students before and after their games. This arrangement has costs and a fee to belong to the team would be part of the onboarding.

The energy behind this idea was immense and within one month we had assembled a team of 18 players (and their families) from grades 5th through 10th. We organized 26-weekday practices and identified four regional tournaments to attend. Families travel between Cedar Rapids and Iowa City for a weekly two-hour practice which has been greatly enhanced with the addition of US Master Arshaq Saleem A private club was set up on Chess.com. A team name, logo, and jacket was chosen. Weekly homework assignments included tactics training, online lessons, videos with quizzes, and annotating individual games. Special awards were created for achievements in homework and at tournaments.

Now, the Iowa Pawn Stormers, are in our second year. We have traveled to 6 tournaments into Illinois, Minnesota, and Missouri. Players, on average, gained over 100 rating points in our first season and they have gained 68 rating point already this season. The most successful venture out of the state was the latest excursion to the US Class Championships in Plymouth, Minnesota, November 10 - 11, 2018. The Pawn Stormers entered 16 players into the tournament in Classes A, B, D, & E. When done, the Iowa players won the Class A and Class B Championship, a third-place finish in Class B and three players tieing for 2nd - 4th place in Class E.

Anish Lodh, became Iowa's newest expert with his 5-0 performance in the US Class A Championship. Anish went into the final round up a full point. Anish is a tenacious player and up a pawn, never settled for a

draw. Instead, he pressed his advantage for the full point and perfect score. AJ Kozich won the Class B Championship, also going 5-0. In similar fashion to Anish, AJ went into the final round with a full point advantage over the field. However, AJ's opponent did not keep things close and the decisive material advantage was an easy conversion for the full point.

After losing his first-round game, Kian Thompson took three straight wins and a final round draw to score 3.5, finishing in a three-way tie for third place in the Class B Championship. The Class E Championship was well contested with the most players of any section. Aadarsh Kumar led the Pawn Stormer contingency through the first four rounds of the Class E Championship. He held a perfect score but could not sustain the winning streak in the last round. With 4 out of 5 points, Aadarsh finished in a tie for second place. Cameron Gilbertson and Audrey Sellon, who sustained earlier round losses, won their fifth round games to join Aadarsh in the second place tie.

The following are games played by the scholastic players. All annotations are provided by the players themselves as the students are encouraged to annotate their own games as part of their study. Some students are as young as third grade, while many others are Junior High and High School age. So, there will be some obvious differences, but overall, they are well done. I hope you enjoy.

Wu,Athena (1226) − Sellon,Audrey Marie (1045) [B12] 2018 US Class Championship Plymouth, MN (5), 11.11.2018

Annotated by Audrey Sellon

[Coming into this game, I felt slightly nervous. I've played Athena before and she has beat me every time, so I didn't have exactly the highest hopes coming in.]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘f3 e6 5.c3 c5 6.♗b5+ ♘c6 7.♗e3 c×d4 8.c×d4 [8.♘×d4 ♘ge7 9.f4] **8...♗×b1** [Looking back at this move, I realize that I was kind of playing hope chess that she would fall for the tactic ♖×b1 and then ♕a5+ to win the B on b5. Instead, I could've played ♕a5+, ♘c3, ♗b4] **9.♖×b1??** [This falls for the tactic I mentioned earlier. 9.♗×c6+ b×c6 10.♖×b1] **9...♕a5+ 10.♗d2 ♕×b5 11.a4 ♕b6 12.0-0 ♗e7** [At this point, I was a little bit conscious of my underdevelopment, and I was trying to hurry and develop quickly. I wasn't worried about blocking my knight in because I figured I could play ♘h6 and then ♘f5 with a good outpost. 12...♘×d4 13.♗e3 ♘×f3+ 14.♕×f3 ♗c5] **13.b4 ♗×b4 14.♕e1 a5 15.♕e3 ♕d8 16.♕f4 h6 17.♖fc1 ♘ge7 18.♖b3 ♗×d2 19.♘×d2 ♖b8 20.♖f3 ♘f5 21.g4 ♘c×d4 22.g×f5 ♘e2+ 23.♔f1 ♘×f4 24.♖×f4** [I decided this would be a good place to stop and check for imbalances. One major imbalance in this position would be material, as I am ahead quite a bit. Another imbalance could be king safety, considering I haven't castled yet, and we're in the middle game, close to an end game. A plan for me would be to finish castling and make use of my rooks and queen for an attack on the King. A plan for Athena would be to possibly try and open up my Kingside with her pawns? I honestly don't have much of a plan for her; her options are very limited at this point.] **24...♕g5 25.♖f3 ♕×d2 26.♖c7 0-0 27.♖g3 e×f5 28.e6 ♕d1+ 29.♔g2 d4 30.e7 ♖fe8 31.♖d7 ♕×a4 32.♖d6 ♔h7 33.♖d5 d3 34.♖×f5 ♖×e7 35.♖×d3 ♕g4+ 36.♖g3 ♕×f5 37.h3 ♖e2 38.♖f3 ♕×f3+** [I figured since I was already so far ahead, I might as well trade for his only real piece left.] **39.♔×f3 ♖e6 40.♔g4 ♖d8 41.f4 ♖g6+ 42.♔h5 ♖d5+** [I have a mate in 3 here, so she resigned next move.] **43.♔h4** [Overall, I went into the game not very confident, but because this wasn't one of Athena's better games, I won using tactics from early on in the game.] **0-1**

"The beauty of chess is it can be whatever you want it to be. It transcends language, age, race, religion, politics, gender, and socioeconomic background. Whatever your circumstances, anyone can enjoy a good fight to the death over the chess board." – Simon Williams

Harwani,Aryan (731) − Isabelle (862) [C48]
2018 U.S Class Championship Minnesota (4), 11.11.2018
[Harwani, Aryan]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 [attacking the pawn] **4.♘c3** [defending the pawn] **4...♗c5 5.0-0** [making her king safe] **5...0-0** [making my king safe] **6.d3 h6** [preventing anything to come to g5] **7.♘d5** [wanting me to take on d5] **7...d6 8.♘e3 ♗×e3** [getting rid of the knight] **9.♗×e3** [developing a piece and taking] **9...♗g4** [pinning the knight so she can't move her knight] **10.h3** [kicking the Bishop] **10...♗×f3** [instead of moving the Bishop] **11.♕×f3 a6** [kicking the Bishop] **12.♗c4** [moving away] **12...♘d4** [attacking my Queen] **13.♕d1** [because if I played ♕g3] **13...d5** [putting pressure in the center also attacking my Bishop] **14.e×d5** [getting rid of what was attacking my Bishop] **14...♘×d5** [taking the pawn back] **15.♗d2** [keeping the Bishop pair] **15...♘f4** [improving a piece] **16.♗×f4** [getting rid of the improved piece] **16...e×f4** [winning the piece back] **17.c3** [kicking the knight] **17...♘e6** [moving out of the threat] **18.♖e1** [attacking the knight a second time] **18...♖e8** [defending the knight a second time] **19.♕b3** [ganging up on the knight a third time and attacking the b pawn] **19...♕d7** [if she played ♘c5 she would be safe 19...♘c5 20.♗×f7+ ♔f8 21.♖×e8+ ♕×e8 22.♗×e8 ♘×b3 23.a×b3 ♖×e8 24.♔f1 ♔f7 25.♖e1 ♖×e1+ 26.♔×e1] **20.♕×b7** [taking the pawn] **20...♘c5** [attacking the Queen with a attack on the pawn a second time] **21.♕f3** [defending my pawn and moving my Queen with attacking a pawn] **21...g5** [defending the pawn] **22.♗d5** [gaining tempo and threatening ♗c6] **22...♖×e1+** [getting rid of the skewer threat and making time for the rook to move] **23.♖×e1** [winning the piece back and getting a open file] **23...♖b8** [moving the rook and attacking a pawn] **24.b4** [gaining tempo and saving the pawn] **24...♘a4??** [losing the knight] **25.♗c6!** [taking advantage of the lost knight] **25...♕d6** [moving the Queen] **26.♗×a4** [winning the piece] **26...♖d8** [ganging on the pawn] **27.♖e8+** [force of trades because if she doesn't take I'll take] **27...♖×e8** [27...♔g7 28.♖×d8 ♕×d8 here I'm up a piece] **28.♗×e8** [taking the piece back] **28...♕e6** [attacking the pawn on a2 and the Bishop] **29.♗c6** [moving my Bishop away] **29...♕e1+** [instead of taking on a2] **30.♔h2** [moving to my only square] **30...♕×c3** [taking the pawn] **31.♗b7** [attacking a pawn] **31...♕×b4** [taking another pawn] **32.♗×a6** [taking a pawn] **32...f5** [a waiting move] **33.♕d5+** [making no time for the Queen to move] **33...♔g7** [moving away] **34.♕×f5** [taking a pawn] **34...♕d4** **35.♗c4** [threatening mate in two moves] **35...♕×f2** [taking a pawn] **36.♕f7+!** [with mate next move] **36...♔h8** [moving away] **37.♕g8#!!** [mate]
1-0

Aryan (731) − Rose (910) [C46]
2018 U.S Class Championship Minnesota (3), 10.11.2018
[Harwani, Aryan]
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 d6 [protecting the pawn] **4.♘c3** [developing another piece] **4...a6** [kicking the Bishop] **5.♗×c6+ b×c6** [getting the piece back] **6.d4 ♗g4** [pinning the knight] **7.♗e3** [protecting the pawn] **7...c5** [attacking] **8.d5** [locking it up] **8...♘f6** [developing] **9.h3** [kicking the Bishop] **9...♗×f3 10.♕×f3** [getting the piece back] **10...♗e7 11.♘e2** [planning ♘g3] **11...0-0** [making her king safe] **12.♘g3**

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53 Wan, Joseph 2185

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71 Carson, Sarah F 1407

Top Blitz Under Age 16
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Top Blitz Under Age 16 Girls
74 Lodh, Anjali 1226

Top Blitz Under Age 13 Girls
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78 Fiedorowicz, Isabel857

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61 Thangavel, Gokul 2078

Top Age 16
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64 Takahashi, Michael 2040

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46 Lodh, Anish 2055

Top Age 8
21 Rao, Anjaneya 1613

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♕**d7? 13.♗g5 ♕b5 14.b3** [moving the pawn] **14...a5 15.♘h5!! ♘×h5 16.♗×e7 ♖fe8** [threatening the Bishop] **17.♗g5 g6** [protecting the knight] **18.g4 ♘g7 19.♕f6** [trying ♗h6] **19...♔h8 20.♗h6 ♖g8 21.♕×f7 ♖af8** [threatening the Queen White Went On To Win] **1-0**

Cole (1150) − Aryan (731) [C89]
2018 U.S Class Championship Minnesota (5), 10.11.2018
[Harwani, Aryan]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 b5 5.♗b3 [I was trying to kick the Bishop from putting pressure on the knight] **5...♘f6 6.0-0 ♗c5** [Instead of ♗c5 I could've taken e4 making his center weak] **7.♖e1** [protecting his e pawn] **7...0-0** [making my king safe] **8.c3** [making space for his Bishop on c2] **8...d5 9.e×d5 ♘×d5 10.♘×e5** [taking a free pawn] **10...♘×e5 11.♖×e5 ♗e6** [protecting my knight but I could've played c6] **12.d4** [kicking my Bishop and cutting it's diagonal] **12...♗d6** [kicking the rook and getting a diagonal on the king] **13.♖e1** [Instead of ♖e1 he could've taken on d5 with his Bishop] **13...♕h4** [threatening checkmate] **14.h3** [defending] **14...♖ae8** [I should've played ♗×h3] **15.♕f3 c6** [defending my knight a second time] **16.♘d2 a5 17.♘e4** [attacking my Bishop] **17...♗c7** [moving my Bishop] **18.♘c5 ♗c8 19.♗d2** [developing his Bishop] **19...♗b6** [attacking the knight] **20.♗c2 ♗×c5** [getting rid of the annoying knight] **21.d×c5** [getting the piece back] **21...♘f6 22.♖ad1 b4** [trying to attack c3] **23.c×b4 a×b4 24.♗×b4?? ♕×b4** [winning the piece] **25.♕×c6 ♕×b2** [attacking the Bishop] **26.♗b3** [cutting off the Queen's file] **26...♗d7** [attacking the Queen] **27.♕b6** [making way for the pawn] **27...♕a3 28.c6! h6?? 29.c7?! ♖c8** [preventing him from promoting] **30.♖d2** [trying to double up his rooks] **30...♖fe8** [offering trades] **31.♖×e8+ ♖×e8 32.♖d1 ♕a8** [protecting the 8th rank] **33.♗c4 ♘h5?? 34.♖×d7** [taking the piece] **34...♘f4 35.f3 ♕a3** [trying ♕c1] **36.♕b1 ♕c5+ 37.♔h2** [moving away] **37...♕×c4** [winning the piece] **38.♖d8!! ♕e2 39.♖×e8+ ♕×e8 40.♕b8!! ♔f8 41.♕×e8+ ♔×e8 42.c8♕+ ♔e7 43.a4 ♘d5 44.a5 ♘b4 45.♕b7+ ♔f6 46.♕×b4 ♔g6 47.♕g4+ ♔f6** [trying to play g5 ♔g6 or ♔g7] **48.a6** [pushing his pawn] **48...g5 49.a7 ♔g7 50.a8♕ ♔g6 51.h4 ♔g7 52.♕d4+ ♔h7 53.♕ah8+**
1-0

Wu,Athena (991) − Harwani,Ishan (889) [B08]
2018 U.S Class Championship Minnesota (1), 10.11.2018
[Hawani, Ishan]

[Going in the game I wasn't sure if I was going to lose or win]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.♘f3 ♗g7 4.♗c4 ♘f6 [4...c6 5.♘c3 b5 6.♗b3 a5 7.a3 a4 8.♗a2 ♘f6 9.♗f4 ♘bd7] **5.♘c3 0-0** [My king is better than her king] **6.♗f4** [Her center is little better mine] **6...Nbd7** [This blocks my Bishop in but maybe I could try develop the bishop on the queenside] **7.0-0 ♖e8 8.♘g5 e6 9.♕f3 h6 10.♘h3 g5 11.e5** [This will be just a fancy trade where I will have the bishop pair] **11...g×f4** [11...d×e5 12.d×e5 g×f4 13.e×f6 ♘e5 this is a little better] **12.e×f6 ♗×f6 13.♕×f4 e5 14.d×e5 d×e5 15.♕×h6** [I felt a little uncomfortable here because her queen is a little close to my king] **15...♗g7 16.♕h5 ♖e7** [16...♖f8 17.♘g5 ♕e7 18.♘ce4 c6 19.h3 b5 20.♗b3 a5 21.a3 a4 22.♗a2 ♗b7] **17.♘g5 ♕e8 18.♘ce4 ♔f8** [Stepping out of the pin] **19.♘g3!? f5??** [I overlooked Nh7#,Nd6#] **20.♘h7#** [In the game her moves were very aggressive]
1-0

Daniel Nenneman (1622) − AJ Kozich (1736) [B14]
2018 U.S Class Championship Minnesota (1), 10.11.2018
[AJ Kozich]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e×d5 c×d5 [Dan yawns in the distance.] **4.c4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e6 6.♘f3 ♗e7** [I've played the most popular move until this. The most popular, by about 20% more and having a higher winning percentage, is ♗b4. 6...♗b4 7.a3 ♗×c3+ 8.b×c3 0-0 With this idea and now you can gang up on the backwards pawn on c3/c4.] **7.c×d5 ♘×d5 8.♕b3** [Qb3 was an odd move, rarely ever being played before. Was kind of sad, as this meant I could lose my good, outposted knight in replacement for a pawn. I bit my lip and got my king into a safe space.] **8...0-0 9.♗d3 ♘×c3** [If pawn takes c3, I can gang up on the hanging pawns with my rooks and eventually one will fall.] **10.b×c3** [10.♕×c3 ♘c6 11.♕b3 b6 Now my plan is to develop my bishop to b7 and gang up on that isolated d-pawn.] **10...♘d7 11.0-0** [I was torn between ♘b6 and ♘f6. On one hand, ♘f6 allows me to play b6 and ♗b7, and I can fight for the d5 square and have my rooks on the c-file. On the other hand, ♘b6 blocks the pressure on the b-pawn, so I

can do ♗d7 and ♗a4, and maybe even trap the queen. In hindsight, ♘f6 was clearly better plan as I have good squares for my pieces and clear targets to attack.] **11...♘b6 12.c4 ♗d7 13.♗b2** [13.c5 ♗a4 14.♕b1 *(14.♕b4 ♕d7* Hazzah! His pawn cannot take for it is pinned to his queen. I can next play ♘d5 and be in a good position.*)* 14...♘d5 15.♕×b7 White would win the pawn and in game, it looked like I had little compensation and no plan.] **13...♗a4 14.♕c3 ♖c8** [Bringing more pieces to the party and threaten ♘d5.] **15.♖ac1 ♘d5 16.♕e1 ♘f4** [I figured if I can trade my knight for his bishop, I can remove the pair in a pretty open game. I also had faint idea as of ♗g5, which looks a bit scary for white.] **17.♗b1 ♕b6** [Free tempi and I had finally become full developed.] **18.♗a1 ♗a3 19.♕e3** [19.♖c3 ♗b4 20.♕e4 f5 21.♕×f4 ♗×c3 22.♗×c3 ♖×c4 This looked winning for me, and was fully prepared to go into this scenario.] **19...♗×c1 20.♖×c1 ♘g6 21.♗d3** [Here, I kind of struggled for a plan. The bishops guard both of the hanging pawns, and I didn't think about sacrificing one of my rooks for it. I didn't have much space, and only one possible pawn break that really isn't that good (e5). With that being said, I played a pretty passive move.] **21...♖fe8 22.h4 e5 23.c5 e×d4** [I had this all planned out. I straight up missed the ♕×e8 tactic.] **24.♕×e8+** [24.♕×d4 ♕f6 25.♕×f6 g×f6 26.♗×f6 b6; 24.c×b6 d×e3 25.♖×c8 ♖×c8 26.b×a7] **24...♖×e8 25.c×b6 ♘f4** [Free tempi right? And maybe I could do something with my advanced d-pawn.] **26.♗c2 ♘e2+** [Good fork.] **27.♔h2 ♘×c1 28.♗×a4 ♖a8 29.♗×d4 a×b6** [Little bit worried about my knight being trapped.] **30.♗b5 ♘×a2** [I am down to less than 5 minutes and stop taking notation. 30...♖×a2 31.♗c4 ♖a4 32.♘d2 My knight is going to be trapped.] **31.♗×b6 ♔f8 32.♘e5** [32.♗c5+ ♔g8 ♔f8 was a mistake because of this. Oh well.] **32...♖c8 33.♘c4 ♘c3 34.♘d6 ♖b8 35.♗c7 ♖a8 36.♗d3 ♔e7 37.♘b5 ♖c8 38.♗e5 ♘×b5 39.♗×b5 ♖c5** [This wasn't the exact move order, but this was the position it ended up and it is pretty close to the true move order.] **40.♗×g7 ♖×b5** [He resigned here. I thought he would continue on, so I don't know why he resigned. Perhaps it had something to do with both of us having less than a minute left on our clocks. Out of the tournament, this was probably my 2nd or 1st worse game, as I blatantly missed a tactic and made a critical error with ♘b6.]
0-1

AJ Kozich (1736) − Luke Sponheim (1639) [E62]
2018 U.S Class Championship Minnesota (2), 03.12.2018
[Kozich, AJ]

1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 g6 3.g3 [Since these games, I've learned that I should take the space when it's offered to me. I should have played d4, as it's just free space that I should take.] **3...♗g7 4.♗g2 0-0 5.d4** [Now I realize I can push for free.] **5...d6 6.♘f3 ♘bd7 7.0-0 e5 8.d×e5 ♘×e5 9.♘×e5 d×e5** [Free activity for my bish-

op, plus his fianchettoed bishop is blocked off by the pawn.] **10.♗g5** [I can threaten this pin while developing my last piece.] **10...c6** [I should note that he's only taken 2 minutes this game whilst I've used 8. He's kind of rushing through it. I think he knows the moves that he's supposed to do for his opening, and he's doing them without much thought, which lead to a blunder through a tactic I think I see. 10...h6 11.♗×f6 ♕×f6 12.♕a4 Now I can play ♖c1, and pawn storm on the queen side, and I should be pretty solid.] **11.♕×d8 ♖×d8 12.♘e4 ♗e6** [12...♘×e4 13.♗×d8 ♗e6 *(13...♗f5 14.♗e7)* 14.♗e7 ♘f6 15.b3 Up an exchange. I thought this was one of his best case scenarios.] **13.♗×f6** [13.♘×f6+ What I should have done. 13...♔h8 14.b3] **13...♗×f6 14.♘×f6+ ♔g7 15.♘e4 ♗×c4 16.♖fd1 ♗×e2** [16...♖×d1+ 17.♖×d1 ♗×e2 18.♖e1 ♗c4 *(18...♗d3 19.♘c5)* 19.b3 ♗d5 20.♘c5 ♗×g2 21.♔×g2 I will regain my e−pawn lost.] **17.♖e1 ♗d3 18.♘c5 b6 19.♘×d3** [I'm up in pieces, I might as well trade down if I'm not sacrificing too much positional edge.] **19...♖×d3 20.♗×c6 ♖c8 21.♗b7** [21.♗b5 Had the choice between putting my bishop on b5 or a6. I decided for a6, as my bishop would be safer behind my opponent's own pawns and yet be in the action at a moment's notice.] **21...♖c7 22.♗a6 ♖d2 23.♔f1** [23.b3 ♖cc2 24.♖f1 Suddenly I have to go into extreme passiveness. Did not want this to happen, so I did a more prophylactic move.] **23...♖×b2 24.♖×e5 ♖cc2 25.♖e2 ♖×e2 26.♗×e2 a5 27.a4** [Thwart his push and establish an outpost for my bishop.] **27...♔f6 28.♖d1 ♔e6 29.♗c4+** [Force his king to move away from that good square before bringing my rook out to attack the pieces.] **29...♔e7 30.♗b5 h5 31.♖d7+ ♔f6 32.♖b7** [32.♖d6+ ♔e7 33.♖×b6 Picks up the pawn instantly. Missed this.] **32...g5 33.♖×b6+ ♔e5 34.♖a6** [Although taking this pawn with my rook blocks my rook in, he can't do anything about it.] **34...f5** [34...♔e4 35.♖×a5 ♔f3 Hahaha! I'm going to checkmate you! 36.♗c6+ Oh nvm.] **35.♖×a5 ♔e4 36.♗c6+ ♔d3 37.♖×f5 ♖b1+ 38.♔g2 g4 39.♖×h5 ♖b2 40.♖h4 ♔e2 41.♖×g4 ♔e1 42.♖f4** [Completely winning for me.] **42...♖c2 43.♗b5 ♖b2 44.h4 ♖d2 45.♖f3** [Kinda had two plans here, either push my pawn all the way or trade rooks then push my pawn. I thought trading rooks was quicker, safer, and maybe even force a checkmate without promoting! But literally either plan wss fine as I'm up so much.] **45...♖c2 46.♖e3+ ♔d1 47.h5 ♔c1 48.♖e1+** [Black resigned here.] **48...♔b2 49.♖e2** [Wins the rook. I don't think he should have played so fast, and I fortunately found a tactic that gave me an advantage that I kept throughout the game.]
1-0

Harwani,Ishan (889) − Freiberg,Rose (921) [C01]
2018 U.S Class Championship Minnesota (4), 10.11.2018
[Harwani, Ishan]

[I expected to win because Ary had won against her in the 3rd round]

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 c6!? [I have never played against c6 before] **3.e3 d5 4.d4 e×d4 5.e×d4 d×c4 6.♗×c4** [I have an isolated d −pawn] **6...♘f6 7.♘f3 ♗g4 8.0−0 ♗d6 9.h3** [kicking the bishop] **9...♗×f3 10.♕×f3 0−0 11.♗e3** [This is a "kid bishop"] **11...♘bd7 12.a3 b6 13.b4 ♖c8 14.♗a2** [Here the position is about equal, but my bishop is stronger than her bishop] **14...c5 15.b×c5!?** [15.d×c5 b×c5 16.b×c5 This could have been better for me] **15...b×c5 16.♘b5 c×d4 17.♘×d6** [The bishop can not be taken] **17...d×e3?? 18.♘×c8 e×f2+ 19.♖×f2 ♕×c8 20.♖ff1 ♘e5 21.♕e2 ♕c5+ 22.♕f2 ♕×a3 23.♗×f7+ ♖×f7 24.♖×a3 ♘e4 25.♕a2 ♘d6 26.♖×f7 ♘d×f7 27.♖×a7 h6 28.♖a8+ ♔h7 29.♕c2+ g6 30.♖a7 ♔g7 31.♕c3 ♔f6 32.♖×f7+ ♔×f7 33.♕×e5 g5 34.♕d6 h5 35.g4 h×g4 36.h×g4 ♔g7 37.♕e6 ♔h7 38.♕f5+ ♔h6 39.♕f6+** [I am in good shape here] **39...♔h7 40.♕d6 ♔g7 41.♔f2** [Bring the king in the battle] **41...♔f7 42.♔e3 ♔g7 43.♔e4 ♔f7 44.♔e5 ♔g7 45.♔f5 ♔h7 46.♕g6+ ♔h8 47.♕c6 ♔g7 48.♔×g5** [from here it is like a rook and king but you have a queen] **48...♔h7 49.♕c7+ ♔h8 50.♔g6 ♔g8 51.♕d8#**
1-0

Harwani,Ishan (889) − Levin,Eduard (731) [A28]
2018 U.S Class Championship Minnesota (5), 10.11.2018
[Harwani, Ishan]

[I thought this game was going to be a draw but I was wrong]

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.e3 ♘c6 [I am pretty comfortable with this position] **4.♘f3 ♗c5 5.d4! e×d4** [5...e4 6.♘d2] **6.e×d4 ♗b4 7.a3?** [7.♗d2 ♗×c3 8.♗×c3] **7...♗×c3+ 8.b×c3 0−0 9.♗d3 ♖e8+ 10.♗e3** [A kid bishop. 10.♗e2] **10...♘g4 11.0−0 ♘×e3 12.f×e3 ♖×e3** [Here it gets a little dangerous for white] **13.♖e1 ♖×e1+** [13...♖e8

14.♖×e8+ ♕×e8 15.♕e1 ♕×e1+ 16.♖×e1 h6] **14.♕×e1** [14.♘×e1] **14...d6 15.♕e2 g6 16.d5 ♘e7 17.♖e1 ♗f5 18.♕×e7 ♕×e7 19.♖×e7 ♗×d3 20.♖×c7 ♖d8 21.♘d4** [Trying to centralizing the knight] **21...a6 22.♘b3 b5 23.c×b5 a×b5 24.♘a5** [24.♘d4 ♗c4 25.♘c6 ♖e8 26.♘e7+ ♔g7] **24...♖a8 25.♘c6 ♖×a3 26.♘e7+ ♔g7 27.♖c6 ♗c4 28.♖×d6 ♖×c3 29.♖d8 ♖d3 30.♔f2** [30.♖g8+ ♔f6 31.d6 ♖×d6 32.♘c8 ♖c6 33.♘a7] **30...♔f6 31.♘g8+ ♔e5 32.♘e7 ♗×d5 33.♘c6+ ♔e4 34.♘b4 ♖d4 35.♖e8+ ♔f5 36.♘c2** [36.♘×d5 ♖×d5 37.♖b8] **36...♖d2+ 37.♖e2 ♖×e2+ 38.♔×e2 ♔e4 39.g3 ♗b3 40.♘b4** [40.♔d2 ♗×c2 41.♔×c2 ♔f3 42.♔c3 ♔g2 43.♔b4 ♔×h2 44.♔×b5 ♔g3 45.♔c5 ♔g4 46.♔d5] **40...♔d4 41.♘c6+** [Here the position is better for black his bishop is better than my knight] **41...♔c3 42.♘e5 ♗c4+ 43.♔e3 b4 44.♘×c4 ♔×c4 45.♔d2 ♔b3 46.♔d1 ♔a2 47.♔c2 b3+ 48.♔d3 b2 49.♔e4 b1♕+ 50.♔f4 ♕h1** [This endgame I have never played before] **51.♔g5 ♕×h2 52.g4 ♕d2+ 53.♔f6 ♕d4+ 54.♔×f7 ♕×g4 55.♔g7 h5 56.♔h6 h4 57.♔g7 h3 58.♔h7 h2 59.♔g7 h1♕ 60.♔g8 ♕b7 61.♔f8 ♕gc8#**
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Kaur,Jind (981) − Harwani,Ishan (889) [B12]
2018 U.S Class Championship Minnesota (3), 10.11.2018
[Harwani, Ishan]

[I was pretty comfortable with the King's pawn opening going into the game I thought I could draw the game]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 [This could be a better move than what was played in the game 4.♗c4 ♗g7 5.♘c3 ♘×e4 6.♘×e4 d5 7.♗d3 d×e4 8.♗×e4 0-0 9.0-0 c6 10.c3 b5 11.♗f4 ♘d7 12.♕d2 ♖e8 13.♗h6 ♗h8 *(13...♗b7)* 14.♖fe1 ♗b7 15.♖ac1 a5] **4...c6** [4...♗g7 5.♗f4 c6 6.♗c4 0-0 7.0-0 b5 8.♗b3 a5 9.a3 *(9.a4 b4 10.♘e2 c5 11.d×c5 d×c5)* 9...a4 10.♗a2 ♕c7 11.♕d2 ♗b7 12.♖fe1 ♘bd7 13.♖ac1 ♖fe8 14.♗h6 ♗h8] **5.♗c4 ♘×e4** [I think this move could have wait to be played after ♗g7] **6.♘×e4 d5 7.♗d3 d×e4 8.♗×e4 ♗g7 9.c3 0-0 10.0-0 ♘d7 11.♖e1 ♘f6 12.♗d3 ♕c7 13.♕b3 b5 14.c4 a6 15.♕b4 e6 16.♗g5 ♖b8** [To lend support to the b5 pawn and the pawn structure is about equal but I do have a bad bishop on c8, a bad undeveloped bishop her light square is superior to my light square bishop] **17.c×b5 a×b5 18.♖ac1 ♗a6 19.♘e5 h6 20.♖×c6 ♕b7 21.♗×f6 ♗×f6 22.♖d6 ♗e7 23.♘d7 ♕×d7 24.♖×d7 ♗×b4 25.♖c1 ♗d2 26.♖d1 ♗g5 27.♖a7 ♖a8 28.♖×a8 ♖×a8** [here I am up a bishop with the bishop pair when only one is in the center] **29.♖e1 b4 30.♗e4 ♖c8 31.h3 f5 32.♗f3 ♖c2** [My rook is a little more active than her rook. 32...♖c1 33.♖×c1 ♗×c1 This could have been better for me] **33.♖×e6 ♔g7??** [?????????????????? This blunders my extra bishop] **34.♖×a6 ♖×b2 35.d5** [Passed pawns must be pushed] **35...♗f4 36.g3 ♗g5 37.d6 ♔f7 38.♗d5+ ♔e8 39.♗e6 ♖e2 40.♖a8+** [Here she asked me for a draw] **40...♗d8 41.♗g8 ♔d7 42.♖a6 ♖d2 43.♖a4 ♖×d6 44.♖×b4 ♗e7 45.♖b7+ ♔e8 46.♖b8+ ♔d7 47.♗b3** [I am down a pawn] **47...g5 48.♗c2 f4 49.g×f4 g×f4 50.a4 ♖d2 51.♖b2 ♗c5 52.♖b7+ ♔d6 53.♗f5 ♖×f2 54.♖d7+ ♔e5 55.♖c7 ♔d5??** [White went one to win]
1-0

Arvind Thiagarajan (1477) − Eli Copeland (1216) [B19]
2018 U.S Class Championship Minnesota (5), 11.11.2018
[Copeland, Eli]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 d×e4 4.♘×e4 ♗f5 5.♘g3 ♗g6 6.h4 h6 [Classical Caro−Kann] **7.♘f3 ♘d7** [have to play ♘d7 to stop ♘e5 for whites knight] **8.h5 ♗h7 9.♗d3 ♗×d3** [Trading off whites dominate light squared bishop] **10.♕×d3 e6 11.♗d2 ♘gf6 12.0-0-0 ♗d6** [12...♗e7 more natural, avoids being attacked by the knight once it moves to the e4 square] **13.♘e4 ♘×e4 14.♕×e4 ♘f6 15.♕e2 b5** [Trying to make some sort of threat or start an attack] **16.♘e5 ♕b6 17.♗f4 ♖d8 18.♖he1 a5 19.♔b1 0-0 20.g4 ♘d5 21.♗c1 ♗e7?** [21...b4 22.♘c4 ♕b5 23.♘×d6 ♕×e2 24.♖×e2 ♖×d6 25.♖g1 ♖c8∓ Now that the queens are off the board I feel much more safe and I think the continuation of this game could be positive for black. I say black has a slight advantage here because I just like blacks side more. Very powerful central knight that blocks moves for the dark squared bishop and also very good pawn structure. Yes white does have what looks to be a good bishop but in this moment, that bishop has almost no moves.] **22.♖g1 ♗g5** [I was just thinking to block the pawns from pushing forwards but once bishop takes, they can still carry on. 22...b4 again is better] **23.♗×g5 h×g5 24.♖h1 ♔h7??** [No reason to do this, allows] **25.♕d3+** [25.♘f3 f6 26.♕×e6 ♕b7] **25...♔h6** [oops 25...♔g8 26.h6] **26.♘×f7+ ♖×f7 27.♕g6#** [Big take−aways from this game was if an opponent is trying to line up an attack on your king you don't have to just focus on that. I think overall I was not aggressive enough and I should have

lined up an attack as well. Also just make better moves. :)]
1-0

Tom Vangorp Maloney (1243) − Eli Copeland (1211) [B18]
2018 U.S Class Championship Minnesota (4), 11.11.2018
[Copeland, Eli]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 d×e4 4.♘×e4 ♗f5 [standard Caro Kann] **5.f3?!** [I have never seen f3 played here. I said it was dubious because this move isn't the best move nor the worst. Protects the N so it can stay on e4 but also limits f3 for the knight, a common move in the Caro Kann] **5...♘d7 6.♗g5 f6?N** [Can I use that? Pretty sure it is a novelty. Yep f6, you saw it right, my thought process was that I didn't like the pin on the e7 pawn and f6 is a forcing move. Overall this is bad because it highly limits the moves for the g8 knight and can lead to future problems with pawn development and creating wholes in my structure.] **7.♗f4 ♕a5+ 8.♕d2 ♕×d2+ 9.♗×d2 e5** [but look I got a nice pawn chain now, that's good...right?] **10.d×e5 ♘×e5=** [I don't really want to say drawish but I'm putting that as a sign for even position. I think this po−sition is extremely even. Now that I look at it, it's almost symmetrical! Both sides have the same pawn structure. Both have pretty good bishop pairs as well.] **11.0−0−0 ♗×e4 12.f×e4** [Never mind no bishop pair. I traded because I thought it was a powerful knight and it lead white to having an isolated e−pawn.] **12...♖d8 13.♘f3 ♗d6 14.♗e2 ♘h6?** [Don't like this move, should have just moved ♘e7 then castled king side, much safer.] **15.h3 ♘hf7 16.♘d4 ♔e7?** [Bad move, allows a quick ♘f5 with check. 16...♖d7 17.♘e6 g6 stops ♗h5 18.♘d4] **17.♘f5+ ♔f8 18.h4 g6 19.♘d4 ♔e7 20.♖hf1 ♖hf8** [20...h5!= Just stopping whites progress directly, the more I move around my pieces, the higher of a chance I have of losing.] **21.♖f2** [Whites best bet is to play more aggressive 21.g4] **21...♗c5! 22.c3??** [22.♗e3 best move here, defends knight well] **22...♗×d4 23.c×d4 ♖×d4 24.♗e3 ♖×d1+** [Keeping up with the initiative and not just moving away, more pressure.] **25.♔×d1 ♖d8+ 26.♔c2 b6 27.♔c3 ♘d6 28.♖×f6??** [I don't even know anymore, the guy seemed very sick or had a cold, maybe that explains this move because I can't.] **28...♘×e4+** [I guess he didn't see ♘×e4+ and if I took the rook with my king than ♗g5 28...♔×f6 29.♗g5+] **29.♔c2 ♔×f6 30.♗f3 ♔f5** [Line I looked at 30...♘×f3 31.g×f3 g5 did not see g5 during the game so I thought Nx was a losing, N would have to move than ♗g5 32.f×e4 g×h4 Move pawn up to promotion, bishop would have to trade] **31.♗×e4+ ♔×e4 32.♗g5 ♖d4 33.♔c3 ♖d3+ 34.♔c2 ♖g3 35.b4 ♖×g2+ 36.♔b3 b5 37.a4 ♖g3+ 38.♔b2 b×a4 39.♗e7 ♘c4+ 40.♔a2 ♖b3 41.♗c5 ♔d3 42.♗e7 ♔c2 43.b5 c×b5 44.h5 ♖b2+ 45.♔a1 ♘d2 46.♗f6 ♘b3#** [And the knight checkmate to win, think I got a little lucky that game but hey a wins a win.]
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Isabel Fiedorowicz − Ethan Litman [C02]
2018 U.S Class Championship Minnesota (3), 10.11.2018
[Fiedorowicz, Isabel]

1.e4 e6 [The French] **2.d4** [Taking advantage of the center] **2...d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3** [not wanting to lose a center pawn] **4...♕b6 5.♗e3? ♕×b2** [If I move the knight the pawn on c3 gets taken but if I don't move the knight I lose my rook and I would be in trouble.] **6.♘d2** [giving up my c3 pawn though I would not like to by saving my rook] **6...♕×c3** [saddly] **7.d×c5 ♗×c5 8.♗×c5 ♕×c5 9.♘gf3** [9.♖c1 wins a piece but I missed the move.] **9...♘h6?? 10.♖c1** [boom when the queen moves takes the bishop with check then when the king moves you take the rook] **10...♕b6 11.♖×c8+ ♔d7 12.♖×h8** [Ka−pow Ka−bam Ka−boom why do all the superhero moves start with Ka? Now I am crushing. I hopefully will take the a7 pawn and get my rook out safely and if I don't I still will be up a piece and whatever I take] **12...♘g4** [tricky ♕×f2 is checkmate, but the viedo I watched came in handy because] **13.♕a4+** [This is not a good game for black.] **13...♔c7 14.♕×g4 h6 15.♕×g7 a5 16.♕×f7+** [There isn't much more after this. I am up a ton of material and have way better king safety and a way better posi−tion] **16...♔c6 17.♕×e6+ ♔c7 18.♖h7+ ♘d7** [Here instead of taking with the queen taking with the rook wins a knight AND a queen] **19.♕×d7+ ♔b8 20.♗d3 ♕c5** [mate with ♕×b7 but of course I missed the mate and tried to get my king safe] **21.0−0 ♖a7 22.♖h8+** [Black re−signs here if he played it out though it would only be ♕c8 than Qx (or Rx) c8# well at least he ended the game earlier I don't mind]
1-0

Fiedorowicz,Owen − Power,Josiah (1318) [C50]
Prairie Fall Classic (1), 09.12.2018

[Fiedorowicz,Owen]

1.e4 [Going into the game, I felt quite confident of my chances, as I was playing white, and was higher rated than my opponent.] **1...e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗e7** [I had seen this move before, however I don't face it often, and was rusty on how to counter it.] **4.d4 e×d4 5.♘×d4** [Here white has slightly better piece activity, and will likely develop quicker. This could be used to create faster pressure, than the opponent could.] **5...d6 6.0-0 ♘×d4 7.♕×d4 ♗f6 8.♕e3** [Here I am trying to play f4, e5, and break open the center. My opponent is trying to castle before I can do this] **8...♗e6 9.♗d3** [I decided not to trade the bishops, this was an error. Had I traded them, I could have won a pawn, and he wouldn't have significant compensation, or he would make his pieces very inactive. 9.♗×e6 f×e6 10.♕b3 Attacks e6, and b7 10...♕c8 11.f4 ♘e7 12.♘d2 0-0 13.♘f3 And white is better] **9...♘e7 10.f4 ♘c6 11.c3 h6** [Here I was worried about his potential for playing g5, and opening the kingside.] **12.♕f3** [Here I thought I was preventing g5, by gaining pressure on the f-file. In reality, it doesn't stop it, and g5 isn't a threat. 12.♘d2 g5?! 13.♗b5 And my activity proves that the opening of lines favors me.] **12...g5 13.f5** [Here the position is now closed. I am trying to target weak pawns, on h6, and f7, and he is trying to target my e4 pawn.] **13...♘e5 14.♕e2 ♗d7 15.♘d2** [I want to come to c4, trade the knights, and then my bishop will begin to pressure f7.] **15...a6 16.a4** [This is to prevent: 16.♘c4 ♘×d3 17.♕×d3 ♗b5 And both sets of pieces trade, making me slightly worse.] **16...c5** [This was not a good move. It weakens the d5, and b6 squares, and gives me a target on d6. Now I can target d6 mainly, and f7 or h6 once he is tied down. This weakness is not enough to win on it's own, but makes the position harder to play for my opponent.] **17.♘c4 ♕c7 18.♘e3** [Instead of trading, and removing his weak d6 pawn, my knight starts it's journey to the b6 square, where it will restrict black's rook.] **18...♕b6** [I think this move was a waste of time for him. After ♘d5, he will have to move his queen again anyway, and that time may be better spent doing something else, like: 18...♗c6 Preparing to trade off my knight when it comes to d5.] **19.♘d5 ♕d8 20.a5** [I played this to maneuver my knight to b6, instead I should have played ♗c2, and ♖d1, to immediately begin to target the d6 pawn. 20.♖d1 ♗c6 21.♗c2 *(21.♘×f6+ ♕×f6 22.♗c2* And d6 will be hard to defend, and I have the bishop pair.*)* 21...♗×d5 22.♖×d5 And white has better piece activity, and the bishop pair.] **20...♗c6 21.♘b6 ♘×d3 22.♕×d3 ♖b8 23.♖d1 ♗e5 24.♗e3** [Here things are fairly even; I have more targets and better pieces, but they can't really amount to anything, if black plays well enough] **24...f6??** [This tips the balance. Now I am significantly better. He has many more holes now, and his dark squared bishop is stuck.] **25.♕e2?** [This move was inaccurate. I am still better, but a better move was: 25.♘c4 ♔e7 This is the only move that defends the pawn, it is better to give up the pawn. 26.♘×e5 f×e5 27.b4 c×b4 28.♕c4 ♕d7 29.♗c5 Here white is crushing. Black will soon be down 2 pawns, along with much positional domination from white.] **25...♕c7 26.♗f2** [Letting the queen defend e4] **26...0-0 27.♘d5** [Repositioning the knight, now that it is no longer useful] **27...♗×d5 28.♖×d5 ♖fe8 29.g3** [Stopping the bishop's mobility permanently, here white is once again slightly better, as his pieces are slightly more active. It will be very difficult to convert this slight advantage. White will need to make his pieces more active, and prepare some kind of sacrifice to breach the enemy position. However if black's pieces remain on productive squares, white cannot win, and the game will fizzle into a draw.] **29...♕c6** [In the game I thought this move lost a pawn for him, and was quite happy. In reality, it is the next move that lost for him.] **30.♕h5 ♕b5??** [This loses to the combination played in the game, better was: 30...♖e7 31.♕×h6 *(31.♕g6+* This actually loses a tempo, as it forces black's king where it wants to go. *31...♔h8 32.♕×h6+ ♖h7 33.♕g6* This is the same as the other line, but it's black's turn, and the queen will actually be trapped.*)* 31...♖h7 32.♕g6+ ♔h8 And black is fine, and likely better, as white's queen is awful. 33.♖ad1 I don't actually lose my queen: 33...♖g8 *(33...♖f8* This move is the one that gives black advantage, by defending everything, it allows his queen to go pawn-grabbing.*)* 34.♖×d6! And white has significant counterplay, and is even better here, as he will win a pawn.] **31.♕g6+** [So I can pick up the pawn with check.] **31...♔f8 32.♕×h6+ ♔g8 33.♖×e5** [Knowing that I would open his king even more, and get at least all pawns back, I sacrificed the exchange here. The computer agrees with this move.] **33...d×e5 34.♕g6+ ♔h8 35.♕×f6+ ♔h7 36.♕g6+ ♔h8 37.♕h6+ ♔g8 38.♕×g5+** [Now that I have won the two pawns, I should try to get my f5 pawn, and my bishop involved in this attack.] **38...♔f7 39.♕g6+ ♔e7** [This lets me get the rook in as well.] **40.♕g7+** [Josiah re-

signed here. If he had kept going: 40...♔d8 41.♖d1+ ♔c8 Here, all my pieces are active, or soon will be. He has few resources to stop my f−pawn, and his extra rook, is stuck. White is completely winning.]
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Josiah Power (1318) − Aman Reddy (1318) [C01]
2018 Prairie Fall Classic Cedar Rapids (2), 10.12.2018
[Power, Josiah]

[This was round 2 in the Prairie Fall Classic. I had just lost to Owen, and so I really wanted a win.]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e×d5 [Going into exchanged French] **3...e×d5 4.♘f3** [One of many alternate lines, ♗d3 or c4 would probably have been a little better.] **4...♘c6 5.♗b5 ♗d7** [Probably ♗g4 or ♘f6 would have been better, this doesn't do much at all and the bishop is weak.] **6.0−0 ♘f6 7.♘c3** [I'm trying to get developed quickly so that I can attack his vulnerable king.] **7...a6** [I think Aman was trying to get my bishop backwards, but it backfired after...] **8.♗a4 b5 9.♗b3** [Now I have another attacker on the d5 pawn, forcing him to move a piece twice in the opening.] **9...♗e6 10.♖e1** [Pinning the bishop, I am now hoping to win the d5 pawn.] **10...♗e7 11.♗g5 0−0 12.♘e5 ♘×e5** [Yow! now d×e5, and I can win his d5 pawn!!! He should have played ♕d7] **13.d×e5 ♘d7 14.♗×e7** [Trading so that I can take d5] **14...♕×e7 15.♘×d5** [The first imbalance − I am up material.] **15...♗×d5 16.♕×d5 ♘b6 17.♕c6 ♖a7** [now his rooks aren't connected, I think ♖c8 would have been better.] **18.e6 f6** [His best move.] **19.♕d7** [I did this for kicks and giggles. It's not bad in any way, so I wanted to just see his face. It lit up with greed, and without thinking he played...] **19...♘×d7 20.e×d7+** [Oh. He hears me say check and realizes maybe he's not winning.] **20...♕f7 21.♗×f7+** [A TERRIBLE move. ♖e7 gave me +8.5 according to the computer, this gives me +.15] **21...♔×f7 22.♖ad1** [Rooks go behind passed pawns.] **22...♖aa8 23.♖d3** [Trying to double up or be able to protect the pawn.] **23...♖ad8 24.f3** [I decided I should get my king out.] **24...♔g6** [His thoughts follow the same line.] **25.♔f2 ♖f7 26.♖ed1** [I'm forced to double protect my pawn.] **26...♖e7** [He seizes the file.] **27.b3 a5 28.c4** [Here with the imbalance of material, I want to trade, also, if I can get my pawn to c6 that would be delightful!] **28...b×c4 29.b×c4 c6** [Snap. He saw it.] **30.♖d6** [This actually doesn't threaten anything because I can't take his c6 pawn.] **30...♔f5 31.c5** [Making sure my rook is protected, and also that his king cant advance] **31...♖e6** [WOW!!! YAY I played g4+ immediately] **32.g4+** [Here he tipped his king as the analysis below shows what would have happened. 32.g4+ ♔e5 33.♖e1+ ♔f4 34.♖e×e6]
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Milton,Zachary (1192) − Bujakowski, Stan (860) [D20]
2018 US Class Championship (1), 10.11.2018
[Stan Bujakowski]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 [my opponent played the queens gambit but I did not know how to play it.] **2...d×c4** [I could have played this. 2...e6 3.c×d5 e×d5] **3.e4 ♘c6 4.♘f3** [he controls the center.] **4...♗g4 5.d5 ♘e5 6.♘c3 e6 7.♗f4** [I could have defended with f6] **7...♗d6** [7...f6] **8.♗×e5 ♗×e5 9.♕a4+** [I could not save my bishop.] **9...c6 10.♘×e5 ♕g5 11.♘×g4 ♕×g4 12.f3** [he has 2 points more, he has much better pawn structure and c4 is lost. he has better development. I am attacking, he has more space no open files and one weak square c4.] **12...♕f4** [12...♕h4+ 13.g3 ♕f6 14.d×c6 now I could have an open file and threaten f3. 14...0-0-0] **13.d×c6 0−0−0 14.c×b7+ ♔×b7 15.♕b5+ ♔a8 16.♗e2 ♖b8** [16...♕e3 he could not castle now.] **17.♕c6+ ♖b7 18.♖d1 ♘e7 19.♕×c4 ♖c8 20.♕a6 ♖c6** [20...♖b6 21.♕a3 ♘c6 protects d8. 22.♖d7 ♖b7 23.♖×b7 ♔×b7 24.0-0 ♕e3+ 25.♔h1 ♘d4 26.♗a6+ ♔b8 27.♗×c8 ♔×c8 28.♕c5+ ♔d7 29.♕×a7+ ♔d6 30.♕b6+ ♔e5 31.♕c5+ ♔f6 32.a4 ♕d3 33.♖d1 ♕e3 34.♕×d4+ ♕×d4 35.♖×d4 e5 36.♖d6+ ♔e7 he is wining in all possible combinations] **21.♖d8+ ♖b8 22.♖×b8+ ♔×b8 23.♕b5+ ♔a8 24.♔f2 ♖b6 25.♕e8+ ♖b8 26.♕×e7 ♖×b2 27.♖b1 ♕d2 28.♕e8+ ♔b7 29.♕e7+ ♔b8 30.♕e8+ ♔b7 31.♕×f7+ ♔b8 32.♕g8+ ♔b7 33.♕×g7+ ♔b8 34.♕e5+ ♔a8 35.♕c7 h5 36.♕c8+ ♖b8 37.♖×b8#**
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Francesco Sicari (1350) − Josiah Power (1485) [C44]
November Rain Team Match Online (2), 06.11.2018
[Power, Josiah]

1.e4 e5 [I always play this line thematically.] **2.♘f3 ♘c6** [Hoping for the Ruy Lopez.] **3.c3** [Planning d4.] **3...♘f6 4.d3** [d4 was preferable.] **4...♗e7 5.♗g5 h6 6.♗×f6** [It would have

been better for him to retreat the bishop to h4.] **6...♗×f6 7.♗e2 d6 8.♕b3** [With my bishop undeveloped there is little if any threat.] **8...0-0 9.0-0 ♖b8 10.♘bd2 ♗e6** [Driving away his queen.] **11.♕d1** [♕c2 would have been better.] **11...♗g5 12.d4 ♗×d2** [An OK trade.] **13.♕×d2 ♗g4 14.d5** [I forgot about this move, it is bad for my position.] **14...♘e7** [Pretty much forced.] **15.c4 c6** [Trying to improve my center.] **16.d×c6** [He shouldn't have traded, Rc1 would have been better.] **16...b×c6 17.♘g5** [This attempted tactic of his awesomely fails.] **17...♗×e2 18.♕×e2 h×g5** [Now +3!] **19.♕h5 ♘g6** [Activating my knight.] **20.♖fe1 ♘f4** [Forcing the queen to move.] **21.♕g4 f6** [helping to defend everything.] **22.♖e3 ♕c8** [He wisely decides not to trade queens.] **23.♕d1 ♕e6 24.b3** [Defends his pawn.] **24...♔f7** [Activating my king.] **25.♕d2 ♖h8 26.♕a5** [A move that looks much worse than it is.] **26...♕e7 27.♖d1 ♖hd8** [My rook wasn't very good on that file anyways after h3.] **28.♔f1 ♕b7** [Not much point to this move.] **29.c5** [I considered ♕b5+, but deemed it bad as I lost a pawn.] **29...d5** [Bold, but sound.] **30.e×d5 ♘×d5 31.♖ee1 ♕b5+** [YES!!! Trading queens when +3, now I feel satisfied of a victory.] **32.♕×b5 ♖×b5 33.♖c1 ♘b4** [Opening a file, attacking a pawn.] **34.♖e2** [Very good as a3 ♘d4 forks the rooks.] **34...♖d5 35.a3** [Keeping the pawn.] **35...♘a6** [My knight is forced to retreat.] **36.b4 ♘×c5** [As I was tired of waiting for the win, I sacked my knight for two pawns.] **37.b×c5** [The obvious move.] **37...♖b×c5** [Either rook is fine to take back with.] **38.♖b1 ♖b5** [Trying to trade rooks.] **39.♖c1 c5** [Advancing my pawn.] **40.a4** [Actually this move helps me.] **40...♖b4 41.a5** [I am very glad at this blunder.] **41...a6 42.g3 ♖b5** [pushing c5 would have been preferable.] **43.♖a1 c4** [Better late than never.] **44.♔g2 ♖×a5** [Back to +3] **45.♖b1 ♖ab5 46.♖c1 ♖d4** [Defending the pawn.] **47.♖ec2 ♖c5** [Definitely better than ♖b4.] **48.♖a1 a5** [Once again a very good move.] **49.♖a4 c3** [Advancing and forcing his rook back. Trading is just making it easier for my win.] **50.♖a1 a4** [Further pawn advancement.] **51.♖a3 ♖dc4** [Obvious] **52.♔g1 ♔e6** [Bringing my king into play.] **53.♔g2 ♔d5** [Continuing with the obvious path.] **54.♔f1 ♔d4 55.♔e2** [Pretty much forced.] **55...♖b4** [Now my rook is freed.] **56.f3 ♖cc4 57.h3 ♖b2** [Finally able to advance my pawns again.] **58.♔d1** [He decides to riskily to let my pawn get on the second rank, so he trades.] **58...♖×c2 59.♔×c2 ♔e3** [Picking up some pawns.] **60.f4 g×f4** [Free pawn, +4] **61.g×f4 e×f4** [Waiting to queen my pawn.] **62.h4 f3** [Closer...] **63.♖a1** [Trying to stop me from queening.] **63...f2** [1 square away.] **64.♖f1 ♔e2** [Driving away his rook.] **65.♖c1 f1♕** [Finally queening!] **66.♖×f1** [Forcing him to sack his rook.] **66...♔×f1 67.h5 a3** [I plan to queen another pawn.] **68.♔b1 c2+ 69.♔c1** [Technically his best move, but it doesn't matter at this point.] **69...a2 70.h6 a1♕+** [Not bothering to take his pawn.] **71.♔d2 ♕e1+** [I knew that mate would come soon.] **72.♔d3 ♕e4+ 73.♔d2 c1♕#** [An awesome queening with checkmate move.]
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Kian Thompson (1619) − Linden Kerr (1709) [E38]
27th Annual Midwest Class Wheeling, Illinois (4), 18.07.0010
[Thompson, Kian]

[This was my 4th round playing white.]

1.d4 [The queen's pawn opening.] **1...♘f6** [Oh no. My greatest fear, the KID?] **2.c4** [(99)] **2...e6** [Maybe he'll play d5 and transpose into the QGD? (87)] **3.♘c3 ♗b4** [Or not. Welcome to the Nimzo−Indian.] **4.♕c2** [The classical.] **4...c5** [The Berlin] **5.e3 0-0 6.♗d3** [I didn't play the main move, which is ♘f3.] **6...c×d4** [I don't understand this move, but it's not that bad.] **7.e×d4 d5 8.♘ge2 d×c4 9.♗×c4** [Oh no. I have the IQP. Do I really care? d5 is under my control after I castle.] **9...♘c6 10.♗e3 ♘g4** [I saw this move in advance, but I think him having the bishop pair is fine because his bishop is blocked in.] **11.0-0** [11.0-0 ♕h4 12.♗f4± This looks better for me.] **11...♘×e3** [Why not get the bishop pair?] **12.f×e3 ♕g5 13.♖f3!?** [This looks weird, but can he attack the rook easily?] **13...e5** [Now he can] **14.♖af1 ♗×c3?** [This doesn't give up material, but it gives up the bishop pair, one of his only perks. Also, d4 is no longer weak. 14...♗×c3 15.♘×c3 e×d4 16.e×d4 ♘×d4~~?~~ 17.♗×f7+ ♔h8; 14...♗×c3 15.♕×c3 e×d4 16.♘×d4 ♘×d4 17.♕×d4 ♗e6 18.♗×e6 f×e6 19.♖×f8+ ♖×f8 20.♖×f8+ ♔×f8 21.♕×a7 But would this really happen?] **15.b×c3 ♘d8?** [After one blunder comes another. This defends f7 sure, but why not do it a little more actively? (Like ♕e7)] **16.♕e4!** [Exposing black's weak pawn. Are you sure you want to take on d4, giving white two center pawns (one passed) against zero?] **16...♘e6?** [This has made black's position go form bad to horrible.] **17.♖f5 ♘c5??** [17...♘c5 I missed this during the game

18.♕×e5+- How can black move two pieces at once? 18...♗×f5 19.♖×f5 ♕h6 I guess this is annoying 20.♕c5 ♕×e3+ 21.♔h1] **18.♖×g5** [Not as strong, but pretty strong.] **18...♘×e4 19.♖×e5 ♘d2** [Oh wait what? That's a fork? No problem.] **20.♗×f7+** [20.♗×f7+ ♖×f7 21.♖e8+ ♖f8 22.♖f×f8#] **20...♔h8 21.♖d1!** [Talk about taking advantage of the back rank. 21.♖d1 ♗g4!! This saves black's position. 22.♖×d2 ♗×e2 23.♖×e2 ♖×f7± At least black isn't down a piece.] **21...♘c4??** [He missed my bishop taking the knight.] **22.♗×c4 ♗g4 23.♖b1** [Maybe ♖e7 is better, but does it make a lot of difference?] **23...♖fc8 24.♗e6!?** [I think this move works.] **24...♗×e2 25.♗×c8 ♖×c8 26.♖×b7** [26.♖×b7 ♖×c3 27.♖e8#] **26...♖f8** [26...♖f8 27.♖×a7?? ♖f1#; 26...♖f8 27.♖f7!! Now this is a beautiful move if I've seen one. What can black do now? Move the rook and I'll take on a7.] **27.♖b1?!** [This looks bad compared to ♖f7] **27...h6** [Now the back rank isn't weak.] **28.d5 ♗c4 29.a3** [No free pawn for you!] **29...♖d8 30.e4 ♖d7 31.♔f2 ♔g8 32.♔e3 a6 33.♔d4** [Nice centralized king.] **33...♗b5** [33...♗b5 34.♖×b5! a×b5 35.♔c5 ♖c7+ 36.♔×b5 ♖×c3 37.d6 ♖d3 38.♖d5 This is a faster win.] **34.c4 ♗a4 35.c5 a5** [35...a5 36.c6? ♗×c6 My conversion is slightly harder now.] **36.♖e6 ♖d8 37.c6 ♖c8** [How will my pawn advance now?] **38.♖c1** [That's how. ♖e7 might be better (cutting off the king) but does it make a difference?] **38...♔f7 39.♔e5 ♗b5 40.♖c5 ♗e2** [Gives me another pawn, because I surely needed it to convert.] **41.♖×a5 ♗g4 42.♖a7+ ♔f8 43.♖ee7** [I've heard that two rooks on the seventh are strong. This proves that theory.] **43...♗h5 44.♖×g7** [You can never take enough pawns] **44...♗e8 45.♖h7** [Threatens mate on h8.] **45...♔g8 46.♖ag7+ ♔f8 47.♔f6** [My opponent now played the computer's first choice (I didn't even check but I'm sure this is it).] **47...♖×c6+ 48.d×c6** [He does it again! Surprised? Shocked? You shouldn't be.] **48...♗f7 49.♖h8+** [At first I thought this was mate but then I saw his response.] **49...♗g8 50.♖h×g8#** [This I'm sure is mate.]

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Murray,William (1900) − Lodh,Anish (1992) [D02]

2018 U.S. Class Championships (5), 11.11.2018

[Lodh, Anish]

1.d4 d5 [I had just won the last four games, so I came into the game with confidence even though I had lost to my opponent before.] **2.♗f4** [I expected him to play the London, given that we played with the same colors as before.] **2...e6 3.e3 ♗d6 4.♗g3 c5 5.c3 ♘c6 6.♘d2** [This surprised me since I expected ♘f3 first with ideas of ♘e5.] **6...♘f6** [6...♘ge7 I had also considered this move which allows f6, but I felt it was more important to put pressure on e4.] **7.♘gf3 ♗×g3** [After thinking for a few minutes, I decided I was willing to risk my king safety in order to get my queen to d6. My plan was to play e5, unlocking my light−squared bishop from its cage. 7...♕c7? 8.d×c5 Exploiting the pin on my dark−squared bishop.] **8.h×g3 ♕d6 9.♗d3 0−0 10.♕e2!?** [I was familiar with the position until this move. I anticipated he would play ♕c2 because it puts more pressure on my kingside. 10.g4 This move would have been scary; White intends to play g5 and weaken h7.] **10...e5** [At last, my light−squared bishop was freed.] **11.d×e5 ♘×e5 12.♘×e5** [This came with no surprise; White is essentially trading his knight on d2 for my knight on e5, which benefits him.] **12...♕×e5 13.♘f3** [I had to choose between ♕d6, ♕c7, and ♕e7. ♕d6 would be on the same file as White's rook if White castled queenside, while ♕c7 was just passive. ♕e7 put pressure on e4 while eyeing g5 and defending the kingside.] **13...♕e7 14.♕c2** [Now it's evident that ♕e2 was inaccurate.] **14...h6** [14...♘e4? 15.c4 Undermining the knight.] **15.0−0** [I was relieved to see this move. I expected White to castle queenside and develop an attack against my king.] **15...♖e8** [I was preparing to play ♘e4. At this point, I had one hour and seven minutes while my opponent had only 57 minutes. (The time control was 90 minutes plus a 30 second increment.) Usually I find myself down on time. 15...♘e4? 16.c4] **16.♖ad1** [I thought my bishop belonged on f5 after ♘e4, but I realized my bishop would be more useful on c6, where it would support my knight on e4.] **16...♗d7 17.a3 a5** [I didn't want to allow b4; I needed my pawn on c5 to control d4.] **18.♖b1 a4** [Again, I halted b4.] **19.c4** [19.b4? a×b3 White cannot recapture the pawn due to c4.] **19...d×c4 20.♗×c4** [I was happy to get White's bishop off the h7-b1 diagonal because I dreamed of getting my bishop to e4 while having a rook on d8.] **20...♗c6 21.♖bd1** [I felt satisfaction when my opponent admitted his rook didn't belong on b1.] **21...b5** [I secured my pawn on a4 and kicked the bishop.] **22.♗e2 ♘e4** [After many moves, my knight had reached its destination! I no longer had a clear plan.] **23.♘h2** [I immediately knew my opponent's intention was to play ♗c3.] **23...♕b7!** [I had really wanted to get my

bishop to d5 without allowing ♗f3-♗×e4. ♕b7, however, doesn't allow that because of what happened in the game. I was quite proud of myself during the game for finding this move.] **24.♗f3** [As I expected.] **24...♗d5 25.♗×e4** [My opponent thought he was getting a beneficial trade...] **25...♗×e4 26.♕×c5 ♗×g2 27.♖fe1** [My opponent must have been pretty happy with his position until he saw my next move.] **27...♗h1!** [This is why ♕b7 was the only move that prevented White from playing ♗×e4.] **28.f3 ♗×f3** [For the rest of the game, I was converting my advantage.] **29.♖d2** [29.♘×f3? ♕×f3 My queen gets too close to White's king. 30.♔h2 ♕f2+ 31.♔h3 White must play this line to avoid losing a pawn.] **29...♖ac8 30.♕f5 ♗e4** [My opponent had 13 minutes and I had 22 minutes.] **31.♕f4 ♗g6** [I waned to double rooks on the e-file starting with ♖e4.] **32.♖ed1 ♕b6 33.♘f1 ♖e4 34.♕d6** [I had a feeling my advantage had somewhat dissolved.] **34...♕×d6 35.♖×d6 ♖c2 36.♖6d2 ♖ec4 37.♔f2 ♗d3** [I knew that I would easily win if the minor pieces were traded.] **38.♖×c2 ♖×c2+ 39.♖d2 ♔f8** [39...♖×d2+?! 40.♘×d2 This would give White an extra move.] **40.♖×c2 ♗×c2** [Finally, my time trouble was kicking in. My opponent had eight and a half minutes, while I only had eight minutes!] **41.♘d2 ♔e7** [I already knew my plan: to create a passed pawn.] **42.♔f3 ♔d6 43.♔f2** [Clearly, my opponent was just trying to survive. I felt ok about a draw since I would be guaranteed first place, but I didn't want to ruin my perfect score.] **43...♔e5 44.♔f3 f5 45.♔f2 g5 46.♔f3 ♗d3 47.♔f2 f4 48.♘f3+ ♔f5 49.g4+ ♔f6** [49...♔×g4?? 50.♘e5+ I still may be able to suffice a draw.] **50.e×f4 g×f4** [My opponent had three minutes and 23 seconds; I had seven minutes and eight seconds.] **51.♘d2 ♗c2** [I was getting my bishop to d5, where it would dominate my opponent's knight. 51...♔g5 52.♘f3+ I can't play ♔×g4 or ♔g6 because of ♘e5+, so I have to play ♔f6. 52...♔f6 53.♘d2 I haven't made any progress since I'm back to the same position.] **52.♘f3 ♗b3 53.♘d4 ♗c4 54.♘f3 ♔g6** [I was trying to win the g4-pawn. After any knight move, I could play ♔g5; after ♔g2, ♗d5 would win. 54...♗d5 55.♘d4 ♗c4 56.♘f3 I haven't made any progress.] **55.♔g1** [55.♔g2?? ♗d5 56.♔f2 ♗×f3 57.♔×f3 ♔g5 White can no longer hold onto g4.] **55...♗e6** [I had four minutes and fifteen seconds, but my opponent only had 50 seconds!] **56.♘d4 ♗d7 57.b3 a×b3** [I happily accepted the free pawn. The rest of the game didn't require much thought. 57...b4! This would have been a nice finish. Black will get a passed a-pawn and White's knight will be stuck guarding a1, essentially leaving Black up a piece.] **58.♘×b3 ♗×g4 59.♘d4 ♗d7 60.♔f2 ♔f6 61.♔f3 ♔e5 62.♘c2 h5 63.♘b4 ♗g4+ 64.♔f2 ♔d4 65.♘c6+ ♔c4 66.♔g2 ♗e6 67.♔f2 ♗d5 68.♘e5+ ♔b3 69.♘d3 f3 70.♘f4 ♗b7 71.♘×h5 ♔×a3**
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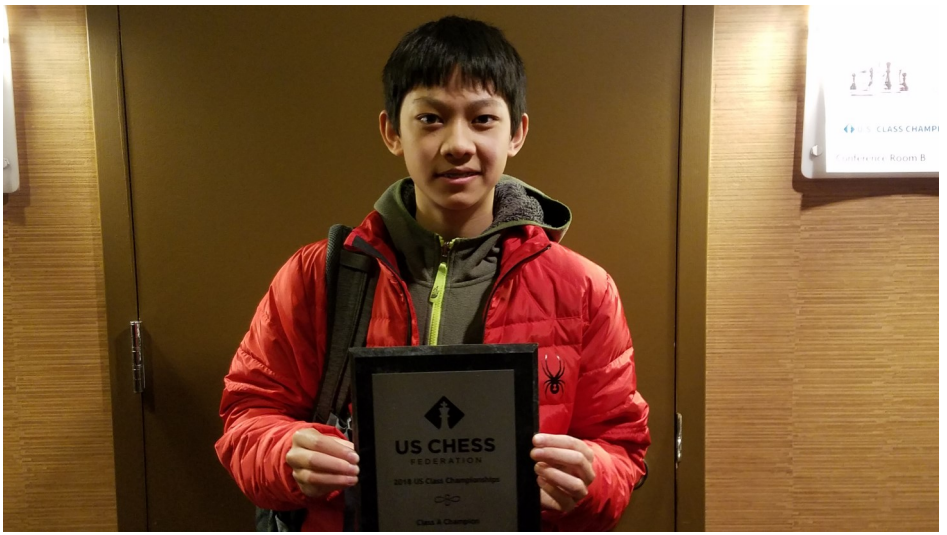
Kumar,Aadarsh (1062) – Kunke,Robert (1233) [C52]
27th Annual Midwest Class (1), 6.10.2018



[Kumar, Aadarsh]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.b4 ♗×b4 5.c3 ♗a5 6.d4 e×d4 7.0-0 d×c3 [7...d3] **8.♕b3 ♕e7** [8...♕f6 Defends both pawns] **9.♘×c3 ♗×c3 10.♕×c3 f6** [10...♘f6 protects the pawn while developing] **11.♗a3 d6 12.♖ad1 ♗g4 13.♖fe1** [13.♕b3 attacks the pawn and knight 13...0-0-0 defends both 14.♖b1 b6] **13...♘h6 14.♖d2 ♗×f3 15.♕×f3 ♘e5 16.♕b3??** [16.♕h5+ is much better because it does not trade off my pieces, which I do not want to do if I am attacking 16...♔f8 17.♗b3] **16...♘×c4 17.♕×c4 ♘f7 18.♖c1 ♖c8 19.♖b2 b6 20.♕a6 0-0 21.♕×a7 ♕×e4** [White is simply down two pawns for no compensation] **22.♗b4 c5 23.♗d2 ♖b8 24.♖×b6 ♖×b6 25.♕×b6 ♖a8 26.♖e1 ♕d5 27.♗f4 ♘e5 28.♕b2 ♖×a2 29.♕b8+ ♔f7 30.♕c7+ ♔g6 31.♖f1 c4 32.♕b6 c3 33.♕b1+ c2 34.♕e1 ♕c6 35.h4 ♖b2 36.♔h2 ♘d3 37.♕e3 ♘×f4 38.♕×f4 ♖b1 39.♖c1 ♖×c1 40.♕×c1 ♕c3 41.♔g1 d5 42.♔f1 d4 43.♔e2 d3+ 44.♔e3 ♕b3**
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Kumar,Aadarsh (1152) − Silberman,Joseph (931) [B20]
27th Annual Midwest Class (3), 06.10.2018

1.e4 c5 2.b3 f6 3.♗b2 [3.♕h5+ g6 4.♕×c5] **3...♘c6 4.♗c4** [4.♕h5+ g6 5.♕×c5] **4...e6 5.♘e2 a6 6.a4** [6.d4 This would give me a good space advantage in the center of the board] **6...d5 7.♗d3 ♘b4 8.0-0 ♘×d3 9.c×d3** [Now I have a pawn weakness. My pawns are doubled] **9...d4** [My pawns are stuck and my bishop is trapped] **10.♘a3 ♗d6 11.♘c4 ♘e7 12.f4 ♘g6 13.♕c2 ♕c7 14.♘×d6+** [14.g3 h5 15.♔g2 h4 16.g×h4] **14...♕×d6 15.♗a3** [15.b4 c×b4 16.♗×d4 a5 17.♗c5 This improves my bishop] **15...b6 16.♘×d4??** [I do not know why I played this move, I probably missed that the queen can take. 16.a5] **16...♕×d4+ 17.♔h1 f5 18.♗b2 ♕d7 19.e×f5 e×f5 20.♖ae1+ ♔d8 21.♕c3 ♖e8** [21...♗b7 22.♕×g7 ♕×g7 23.♗×g7 ♖g8 24.♗f6+ ♔d7] **22.a5 ♖×e1 23.♖×e1 b5 24.♕c5 ♕c7 25.♖e8+** [I probably did not see the move ♔d7, and I thought that I would win the queen. 25.♕d5+ ♕d7 26.♕×a8] **25...♔d7 26.♕×c7+ ♔×c7 27.♗e5+ ♘×e5 28.f×e5** [28.♖×e5 ♔d7] **28...♔d7** [28...♗b7 29.♖e7+] **29.♖g8 g6 30.♔g1 ♔e6 31.d4 ♔f7 32.♖d8 ♔e6 33.♔f2 ♗b7 34.♖×a8** [34.♖d6+ ♔e7 35.♖b6 ♗e4 36.g3] **34...♗×a8**
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Wu,Kyros − NN [C53]
Wisconsin Friendly Minneapolis, Minnesota (5), 02.2018
[Wu, Kyros]

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 [I'm new to it but I think I think I should play d4.] **4...d6** [to play ♗g4] **5.d4** [finally happens] **5...e×d4 6.c×d4** [gaining a strong center] **6...♗b6 7.0-0 ♗g4 8.e5** [push the pawns which is also bad] **8...♘×d4** [boom loses a pawn] **9.e×d6 ♕×d6 10.♖e1+ ♘e7** [pin] **11.♕a4+ c6 12.♘×d4 ♕×d4 13.♗e3 ♕×b2 14.♗×b6 ♕×a1** [tactic wins pawn] **15.♗×f7+ ♔×f7 16.♕×g4 a×b6 17.♕e6+ ♔f8 18.♕×e7+** [attacking] **18...♔g8 19.♕e6+ ♔f8 20.♕e7+ ♔g8 21.♕e6+ ½-½**

Cunningham,Asher (1248) − Bergal, Tyoma (1118) [B11]
2018 Mid−America Open (3), 24.03.2018
1.e4 c6 2.♘f3 d5 3.♘c3 d×e4 4.♘×e4 ♗f5 5.♘c3 ♘f6 6.♗c4 e6 7.d4 ♘bd7 8.♗g5 ♘b6 9.♗b3 ♘bd5 10.♘×d5 e×d5 11.♕e2+ ♗e6 12.0-0 ♗e7 13.♖fe1 ♘e4 14.♗×e7 ♕×e7 15.♘d2 ♘×d2 16.♕×d2 0-0 17.c4 d×c4 18.♗×c4 ♕d6 19.♗×e6 f×e6 20.g3 c5 21.♖ad1 ♖ad8 22.♖e4 ♖d7 23.♕e3 ♖e8 24.d5 ♖de7 25.h4 e×d5 26.♖×e7 ♕×e7 27.♕×e7 ♖×e7 28.♖×d5 b6 29.♔g2 ♔f7 30.g4 g6 31.f4 ♔e8 32.♔f3 ♖e1 33.♖e5+ ♖×e5 34.f×e5 ♔e7 35.♔f4 h6 36.♔e4 ♔e6 37.b3 a6 38.b4 c×b4 39.♔d4 a5 40.h5 g5
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Kumar,Aadarsh (1062) − Yadav,Omkar (1650) [B20]
2018 Cedar Rapids Open (3), 29.09.2018
[Yadav, Omkar]

1.e4 c5 2.b3 ♘c6 3.♗b2 ♘f6 [3...d6 4.♗b5 ♗d7 5.f4 a6 6.♗×c6 ♗×c6 7.d3 e6 8.♘f3 ♘f6 9.0-0 ♗e7 10.♘bd2 0-0; 3...e5 4.♗c4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 d6 6.♘ge2 ♗e7 7.0-0 0-0 8.f4 ♘d4 9.d3] **4.♗d3 d6 5.♘e2 ♘b4 6.♘bc3 a6** [6...♘×d3+ 7.c×d3 e5] **7.0-0 e6 8.♘g3 ♗e7 9.♕e2 0-0 10.f4 b5** [10...d5 11.e5 ♘d7 12.f5 ♘×d3 13.c×d3] **11.♖ae1 ♕b6** [11...♗b7 12.a4 ♗c6 13.♔h1 ♘×d3 14.♕×d3 ♖b8] **12.♖f2** [12.♔h1] **12...e5 13.f5 ♗b7 14.a3 ♘c6** [14...♘×d3 15.♕×d3 *(15.c×d3 a5)* 15...♘g4] **15.♘f1 ♘d4 16.♕d1 a5** [16...c4 17.♗e2 c×b3 18.c×b3 ♗×e4] **17.♘e3 b4 18.♘e2** [18.♘cd5 ♘×d5 19.♘×d5 ♗×d5 20.e×d5] **18...b×a3 19.♗×a3 a4** [19...♗×e4 20.♗×e4 ♘×e4] **20.♗b2 ♘×e2+?** [20...a×b3 21.c×b3] **21.♖e×e2 ♗×e4 22.♗×e4 ♘×e4 23.♘d5 ♘×f2 24.♘×e7+ ♔h8 25.♖×f2 ♕b7 26.f6 g×f6 27.♘f5 ♕d7 28.♕g4 ♖g8 29.♕h4 ♖g6 30.♖f3 ♕e8?** [30...a3] **31.♖h3 ♕g8 32.♔f1 ♖e8 33.♘h6 ♕g7 34.♘f5 ♕g8 35.♘h6 ♕f8 36.♘f5** [36.b×a4] **36...♕g8**

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Linton,Zachary (1192) − Gilbertson, Cameron (1031) [D51]
2018 US Class Championship Plymouth, MN (3), 10.11.2018
[Gilbertson, Cameron]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗g5 e6 5.e3 [5.e4 ♘bd7 6.e5 h6 7.♗h4 g5 8.e×f6 g×h4] **5...♗e7 6.♘f3 ♘bd7 7.c×d5 c×d5 8.♗b5 a6 9.♗a4 b5 10.♗b3 ♗b7 11.♖c1 0-0 12.0-0 ♖c8 13.♕d2 h6 14.♗×f6 ♗×f6 15.♘e2 ♘b6 16.♖×c8 ♕×c8 17.♖c1 ♘c4 18.♗×c4 d×c4 19.♕b4 ♕c6 20.b3 ♖c8 21.h3 ♕d5 22.♘f4 ♕e4 23.b×c4 ♗×d4 24.♘×d4 e5 25.♘f3 e×f4 26.e×f4 ♕×f4 27.♖e1 ♕×c4** [27...♖×c4 28.♖e8+ ♔h7 29.♕b1+ ♗e4 *(29...g6 30.♕b2)*] **28.♕b1 ♗×f3 29.g×f3 ♕c6 30.♕a1** [30.♕e4] **30...♕×f3 31.♕b2 ♕×h3 32.♖e3 ♕g4+ 33.♖g3 ♕d1+ 34.♔g2 g6 35.♕f6 ♕d5+** [35...♖c1 36.♖×g6+ f×g6 37.♕×g6+ ♔f8 38.♕×h6+ *(38.♕f6+ ♔e8 39.♕e6+ ♔d8 40.♕b6+ ♔d7 41.♕b7+ ♔e6 42.♕e4+ ♔d6 43.♕f4+ ♔c6 44.♕×h6+ ♔c5 45.♕e3+ ♔b4 46.♕e4+ ♔a5 47.♕e3 ♕h1+ 48.♔g3 ♖g1+ 49.♔f4 ♕h6+)* 38...♔e7] **36.♔h2 ♕h5+ 37.♖h3 ♕g5 38.♕×a6 ♕e5+** [38...♖c2; 38...♕f4+ 39.♔g2 ♕e4+ 40.♔h2 ♖c1] **39.♔g2 ♕d5+ 40.♖f3 ♖c3 41.♕f6 ♕×f3+ 42.♕×f3 ♖×f3 43.♔×f3**
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2018 Iowa Blitz Championship

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1	Wan, Joseph Cheng	2185*	2224*	W7	W7	W4	W4	W2	W2	W5	W5	W3	W3	W6	W6	12
2	Brashaw, Daniel	2216*	2219*	W9	W9	W3	W3	L1	L1	W6	W6	W4	W4	W5	W5	10
3	Neal, James Alex,	2052*	2028*	W10	W10	L2	L2	W7	W7	W4	L4	L1	L1	W8	W8	7
4	Chen, Nathan	1976*	1964*	W12	W12	L1	L1	W10	W10	L3	W3	L2	L2	W9	W9	7
5	Hodina, James	1800*	1783*	W11	W11	W8	W8	L6	D6	L1	L1	W7	W7	L2	L2	6.5
6	Lodh, Anish	1728*	1742*	H0	H0	W13	W13	W5	D5	L2	L2	W10	W10	L1	L1	6.5
7	Rao, Anjaneya	1249*	1306*	L1	L1	W12	W12	L3	L3	W8	W8	L5	L5	W13	W13	6
8	Raut, Abhishek	1424/14	1367*	W13	D13	L5	L5	W11	W11	L7	L7	W12	W12	L3	L3	5.5
9	Jacobs, Steve	1378*	1302*	L2	L2	L10	L10	W13	W13	W12	L12	B0	B0	L4	L4	5
10	Capron, Mark	1108*	1156*	L3	L3	W9	W9	L4	L4	W11	W11	L6	L6	W12	L12	5
11	Rao, Srinivas	936*	876*	L5	L5	B0	B0	L8	L8	L10	L10	D13	L13	B0	B0	4.5
12	Bujakowski, Michael	946/18	981*	L4	L4	L7	L7	B0	B0	L9	W9	L8	L8	L10	W10	4
13	Bujakowski, Stan	752*	796*	L8	D8	L6	L6	L9	L9	B0	B0	D11	W11	L7	L7	4

"As proved by evidence, [chess is] more lasting in its being and presence than all books and achievements; the only game that belongs to all people and all ages; of which none knows the divinity that bestowed it on the world, to slay boredom, to sharpen the senses, to exhilarate the spirit." – Stefan Zweig

"You work for a long period of time and the results don't really show, but at some point everything just comes together and you start to play better, or get more confidence." ~ Fabiano Caruana

"It was like when you make a move in chess and just as you take your finger off the piece, you see the mistake you've made, and there's this panic because you don't know yet the scale of disaster you've left yourself open to."
— Kazuo Ishiguro, Never Let Me Go

"You sit at the board and suddenly your heart leaps. Your hand trembles to pick up the piece and move it. But what Chess teaches you is that you must sit there calmly and think about whether its really a good idea and whether there are other better ideas" – Stanley Kubrick

Moline Open and Reserve

By Rick Rector and Tony Britton

Pizza, not the World Chess Championship match between Magnus Carlsen and Fabiano Caruana, was on the lips of chessplayers at the Nov. 3rd Moline Open. That's because the pizza was FREE. The freebie is quickly becoming a new and well-received tradition on the Quad-City Chess scene.

After all, how many chess tournaments provides a pizze freebie?

Twenty-four chessplayers and a handful of beginners competed in this year's Moline Open on the Western Illinois University's Quad-City Campus in Moline.

Dan Brashaw took top honors with a perfect 4-0 score in the open division - an Iowa mini-qualifier - which earned him points for the state championship.

Joseph Wan and Luis Peralta shared 2nd and 3rd with 3-1 marks, while James Neal and Artur Mueller shared 4th place.

In the under 1400 division, Athena Wu took first with a 4-0 mark, followed by Fidel Vallejo and Gabriel Formas, each with 3 points.

Many thanks to Western Illinois-Q-C campus for providing an exceptional venue along side of the famous Mississippi River.

The Western Illinois Q-C campus and Illowa Bi-State chess clubs sponsored the event.

Circle your chess calendars for May 4, 2019. That's when the Western Illinois and Illowa chess clubs will again host the Cinco de Mayo Chess Tournament at Western Illinois.

Look for details on the Iowa State Chess Association website and in future editions of En Passant. Or follow the Illowa Club on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/1840975642828944/

Luis Peralta of the Western Illinois University Q-C Campus Chess Club and the Illowa Bi-State Chess Club presents Dan Brashaw his $300 purse for winning the Nov. 3 Moline Open. Peralta by the way, shared 2nd and 3rd place at the event with Joseph Wan. Photo by Tony Britton.

Games:

Don J Bruemmer (1698) − James Neal (2241) [E14]
Moline Open (1)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 e6 3.e3 c5 4.♗d3 b6 5.0-0 ♗b7 6.b3 c×d4 7.e×d4 ♗e7 8.♘bd2 0-0 9.♗b2 d6 10.♖e1 ♘bd7 11.c4 ♖e8 12.♖c1 ♘f8 13.♘f1 ♘g6 14.♗×g6 h×g6 15.♘g3 a6 16.♕c2 ♖c8 17.h4 ♕d7 18.♘g5 b5 19.a3 b×c4 20.b×c4 ♖b8 21.♕e2 ♗a8 22.f3 ♖ec8 23.♖b1 ♗d5 24.♗c3 ♗×c4 25.♖×b8 ♖×b8 26.♗b4 ♖c8 27.♕d2 ♘d5 28.h5 g×h5 29.♘×h5 ♘×b4 30.a×b4 ♕b5 31.f4 f6 32.♘×e6 ♕×h5 33.♘×g7 ♔×g7 34.♖×e7+ ♔h8 35.♕e3 ♖g8 36.♕f2 ♗d5 37.♖e2 ♗×g2 0-1

Open

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1	Brashaw, Daniel	IA	2291*	2301*	W11	W3	W10	W4	4.0
2	Wan, Joseph Cheng	IA	2265*	2266*	W8	W7	D4	H0	3.0
3	Peralta, Luis M	IL	1875*	1892*	W14	L1	W15	W6	3.0
4	Neal, James Alex,	IA	2219*	2215*	W9	W5	D2	L1	2.5
5	Mueller, Artur	IA	1743*	1762*	W15	L4	D8	W10	2.5
6	Nevalainen, Shawn	IA	1872/25	1852*	W12	L10	W11	L3	2.0
7	Gudino, Pedro	IL	1756*	1759*	W13	L2	D9	D11	2.0
8	Francescon, James	IA	1725*	1730*	L2	W13	D5	D9	2.0
9	Bruemmer, Don J	IA	1718*	1720*	L4	W17	D7	D8	2.0
10	Gibson, Adam Chir	IA	1584/18	1664/22	W16	W6	L1	L5	2.0
11	Shukla, Abhyudaya	IA	1811*	1796*	L1	W14	L6	D7	1.5
12	Rao, Anjaneya	IA	1553*	1526*	L6	L15	W17	D13	1.5
13	Millam, Joseph Ro	IA	1422*	1437*	L7	L8	W14	D12	1.5
14	Reedy, Edward	IL	1406*	1411*	L3	L11	L13	W15	1.0
15	Agarwal, Shantanu	IA	1706/04	1579/08	L5	W12	L3	L14	1.0
16	Takahashi, Michae	IA	2063*	2040*	L10	U0	U0	U0	0.0
17	Britton, Tony Joe	IL	1072*	1067*	U0	L9	L12	U0	0.0

Reserve

#	Player	St	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	T
1	Wu, Athena Ximeng	IA	991*	1265*	W5	W2	W3	W4	4.0
2	Vallejo, Fidel	IL	1162*	1186*	W8	L1	W5	W7	3.0
3	Formas, Gabriel C	IA	949/25	1069*	W6	W4	L1	W8	3.0
4	Wu, Kyros Yuefan	IA	1218*	1185*	W7	L3	W6	L1	2.0
5	Reke, David Edwar	IA	1380*	1319*	L1	W7	L2	U0	1.0
6	Meister, George W	IA	1154*	1098*	L3	W8	L4	U0	1.0
7	Welvaert, Jeremy	IL	879*	862*	L4	L5	W8	L2	1.0
8	Ebalo, Thomas, Dr	IL	516/09	466/13	L2	L6	L7	L3	0.0

Anjaneya Rao (1433) − Shawn Nevalainen (1878) [B17]
Moline Open (1)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 d×e4 4.♘×e4 ♘d7 5.♘f3 ♘gf6 6.♘g3 ♕c7 7.♗e3 e6 8.♗d3 ♗d6 9.0-0 0-0 10.c3 b6 11.♕c2 ♗b7 12.♘d2 c5 13.♘c4 ♗f4 14.♕d2 ♘d5 15.♖ac1 ♖fd8 16.♕c2 h6 17.♖fe1 b5 18.♗×f4 ♘×f4 19.♘e3 ♘×d3 20.♕×d3 c4 21.♕c2 ♘f6 22.f3 ♕f4 23.♕f2 ♖ac8 24.♘c2 h5 25.♘e2 ♕g5 26.♘g3 h4 27.♘e4 ♘×e4 28.f×e4 ♗×e4 29.♕e3 ♕×g2# 0-1

Luis M Peralta (1847) − Edward Reedy (1431) [D06] Moline Open (1)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 ♗f5 3.♘c3 e6 4.♘f3 ♘c6 5.a3 ♘f6 6.♗g5 ♗e7 7.e3 ♘e4 8.♗×e7 ♘×e7 9.♘×e4 ♗×e4 10.c5 c6 11.b4 ♘g6 12.♘d2 ♘e7 13.f3 ♗g6 14.h4 1-0

Joseph Ronald Millam (1395) − Pedro Gudino (1798) [C44] Moline Open (1)

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 e×d4 4.♗c4 ♗b4+ 5.c3 d×c3 6.0-0 d6 7.♘g5 c×b2 8.♕h5 g6 9.♗×f7+ ♔e7 10.♕h4 b×a1♕ 11.♘e6+ ♘f6 12.♘×d8 ♖×d8 13.♗×g6 h×g6 14.♗g5 ♗e6 15.e5 ♕×e5 16.f4 ♕d4+ 17.♔h1 ♖h8 18.♗×f6+ ♕×f6 19.♕f2 ♗c5 20.♕e2 ♖×h2+ 21.♔×h2 ♕h4# 0-1

Artur Mueller (1798) − Shantanu Agarwal [E61] Moline Open (1)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.♘f3 d6 5.♗g5 h6 6.♗h4 ♗f5 7.e3 ♘bd7 8.h3 g5 9.♗g3 ♘e4 10.♗h2 ♘×c3 11.b×c3 c5 12.♗d3 ♗×d3 13.♕×d3 ♖c8 14.0-0 0-0 15.♖fb1 b6 16.a4 c×d4 17.c×d4 f5 18.♖a2 ♕c7 19.♘d2 e5 20.♖b5 e4 21.♕a3 ♖f6 22.a5 ♗f8 23.♕b3 ♕c6 24.a×b6 a×b6 25.♖a7 1-0

Pedro Gudino (1798) − Joseph Wan (2278) [C01] Moline Open (2)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e×d5 e×d5 4.c4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♗b4 6.♗d3 0-0 7.♘f3 d×c4 8.♗×c4 ♘bd7 9.0-0 ♘b6 10.♗d3 ♗g4 11.a3 ♗e7 12.♗e2 c6 13.♖e1 ♖e8 14.♗g5 h6 15.♗h4 ♘bd5 16.♗c4 ♗e6 17.♗b3 ♕a5 18.♕c2 ♖ad8 19.♘e4 ♘×e4 20.♗×e7 ♖×e7 21.♖×e4 ♗f5 22.♖ae1 ♘f6 23.♖×e7 ♗×c2 24.♗×c2 ♕b5 25.b3 ♖f8 26.h3 ♘d5 27.♖7e5 ♕a5 28.a4 ♕c3 29.♖1e2 ♘f4 30.♖d2 ♘×h3+ 31.♔h2 ♘g5 0-1

James Neal (2241) − Artur Mueller (1798) [B81] Moline Open (2)

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 e6 7.g4 ♗e7 8.♗g2 ♘fd7 9.a4 ♘c6 10.0-0 0-0 11.♗e3 ♕c7 12.♘de2 ♖b8 13.f4 b5 14.a×b5 a×b5 15.♕d3 ♘b4 16.♕d2 ♘c5 17.g5 ♖d8 18.♘d4 ♗d7 19.f5 e5 20.♘de2 g6 21.♘g3 ♖a8 22.f×g6 h×g6 23.♖×a8 ♖×a8 24.h4 ♘e6 25.h5 ♖f8 26.♖f2 ♘d4 27.♗×d4 e×d4 28.♕×d4 ♗×g5 29.h×g6 f6 1-0

Shawn Nevalainen (1878) − Adam Christopher Gibson (1584) [D02] Moline Open (2)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♗f4 g6 3.♘f3 ♗g7 4.e3 d5 5.h3 ♘c6 6.c3 h6 7.♘bd2 ♘e4 8.♘×e4 d×e4 9.♘d2 f5 10.♕b3 e5 11.d×e5 ♗×e5 12.♗×e5 ♘×e5 13.♕b5+ ♘c6 14.♗c4 a6 15.♕c5 ♕e7 16.♕d5 ♘e5 17.0-0-0 ♘×c4 18.♘×c4 ♗e6 19.♕e5 0-0 20.♖d4 ♔f7 21.♖hd1 ♖ad8 22.a3 ♗×c4 23.♕×e7+ ♔×e7 24.♖×c4 ♖×d1+ 25.♔×d1 ♖d8+ 26.♔e2 ♖d7 27.f3 e×f3+ 28.♔×f3 g5 29.g4 ♔f6 30.g×f5 ♔×f5 31.e4+ ♔f6 32.♖d4 ♖f7 33.♖d5 ♔e6+ 34.♔e3 b6 35.♖d2 ♔e5 36.♖d5+ ♔e6 37.♖d2 ♖f4 38.♖g2 ♖h4 39.♖g3 ♔e5 40.♔d3 ♖×e4 41.♖f3 ♖f4 42.♖e3+ ♔d6 43.♖g3 c5 44.b3 b5 45.♔e2 0-1

James P Francescon (1725) − Joseph Ronald Millam (1395) [A36] Moline Open (2)

1.c4 ♘f6 2.g3 e6 3.♗g2 c5 4.♘c3 ♘c6 5.e3 d5 6.b3 d4 7.♘ce2 e5 8.d3 ♗e7 9.e×d4 ♕a5+ 10.♗d2 ♘b4 11.♕b1 ♗f5 12.♘c1 ♖d8 13.a3 ♘×d3+ 14.♘×d3 ♕c7 15.d5 ♘e4 16.♗×e4 ♗×e4 17.f3 ♗×d3 18.♕×d3 ♗f6 19.♕e4 0-0 20.♘e2 ♕b6 21.0-0 h5 22.♔g2 g5 23.b4 ♔g7 24.♗e3 ♗e7 25.b×c5 ♕b2 26.♖fe1 f5 27.♕b1 ♕×b1 28.♖a×b1 f4 29.♖×b7 ♔f6 30.c6 ♗×a3 31.♖a1 f×g3 32.h×g3 g4 33.♖×a3 1-0

Tony Joe Britton (1128) − Don J Bruemmer (1698) [C15] Moline Open (2)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♗d2 ♘f6 5.e5 ♘fd7 6.♘f3 h6 7.♗e2 b6 8.♘b5 ♗e7 9.c4 ♗b7 10.♕b3 a6 11.♘c3 c6 12.c5 ♕c7 13.♗f4 b×c5 14.d×c5 ♘×c5 15.♕c2 a5 16.♘d4 ♘ba6 17.a3 ♖c8 18.f3 ♘d7 19.0-0-0 ♘dc5 20.♗g3 a4 21.♘×a4 ♘×a4 22.♕×a4 ♘c5 23.♕c2 ♖a8 24.♘b3 ♘a4 25.♗b5 0-0 26.♘d4 ♘b6 27.♘×c6 ♗×c6 28.♗×c6 ♖ac8 29.♖d2 ♕×c6 30.♕×c6 ♖×c6+ 31.♖c2 ♖fc8 32.♖×c6 ♖×c6+ 33.♔b1 ♔f8 34.♖c1 ♖×c1+ 35.♔×c1 ♔e8 36.♔c2 ♘c4 37.b4 ♘×a3+ 38.♔b3 ♘c4 39.b5 ♔d7 40.♔a4 ♔c7 41.♗e1 ♗c5 42.♗a5+ ♗b6 43.♗×b6+ ♔×b6 44.♔b4 ♘×e5 0-1

Abhyudaya Shukla (1769) − Shawn Nevalainen (1878) [B12] Moline Open (3)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.h4 h6 5.c3 e6 6.♗d3 ♗×d3 7.♕×d3 ♕b6 8.♕c2 c5 9.♗e3 ♘c6 10.♘f3 ♖c8 11.♘bd2 ♗e7 12.♕b3 c4 13.♕×b6 a×b6 14.g3 b5 15.a3 ♖a8 16.♔e2 ♗d8 17.b3 ♗a5 18.b4 ♗c7 19.♖a2 ♖a4 20.♘f1 ♔d7 21.♗f4 ♘ge7 22.♘e3 ♖ha8 23.♖ha1 ♘c8 24.♘d1 ♘b6 25.♘b2 ♖4a7 26.♗d2 ♗d8 27.♘h2 ♗e7 28.f4 h5 29.♘f3 ♔e8 30.♘g5 ♗×b4 31.c×b4 ♘×d4+ 32.♔d1 ♘b3 33.♖b1 ♖×a3 34.♖×a3 ♖×a3 35.♗c1 ♘×c1 36.♖×c1 ♖×g3 37.♔d2 d4 38.♘d1 ♖g2+ 39.♔e1 ♘a4 40.♘e4 d3 41.♘df2 ♔e7 42.♔f1 ♖h2 43.♔g1

♖×h4 44.♘d6 d2 45.♖c2 c3 46.♘×b5 ♖×f4 47.♘d1 ♖×b4 0-1

Luis M Peralta (1847) − Shantanu Agarwal [E71] Moline Open (3)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 ♘bd7 6.♗e3 e5 7.d5 ♘c5 8.♕c2 a5 9.a3 0-0 10.♘ge2 ♘e8 11.g4 ♕h4 12.♗g2 f5 13.e×f5 g×f5 14.♘g3 f4 15.♗×c5 f×g3 16.♗e3 ♗d7 17.♘e4 g×f2+ 18.♔e2 ♗h6 19.g5 ♕h5+ 20.♔d2 ♗g7 21.♖af1 ♔h8 22.♔c1 ♗f5 23.h4 ♗g4 24.♘g3 ♕f7 25.♖×f2 ♕d7 26.♖hf1 ♖×f2 27.♖×f2 c6 28.d×c6 b×c6 29.♗e4 h6 30.♗g6 1-0

Artur Mueller (1798) − James P Francescon (1725) [D90] Moline Open (3)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.c×d5 ♘×d5 5.♗d2 ♗g7 6.e4 ♘×c3 7.♗×c3 c5 8.d5 0-0 9.♘f3 ♗g4 10.h3 ♗d7 11.♕c2 b5 12.♗×g7 ♔×g7 13.♕×c5 ♘a6 14.♕d4+ ♔g8 15.a3 ♘c7 16.♗e2 ♘e8 17.0-0 ♘d6 18.♖ac1 e6 19.♖fd1 ♘c4 20.♗×c4 b×c4 21.♖×c4 ♗b5 22.♖c3 e×d5 23.e×d5 ♖e8 24.♖d2 a6 25.a4 ♗d7 26.♘e5 ♗×a4 27.♘g4 ♖e1+ 28.♔h2 h5 29.♘f6+ ♔f8 30.♘e4 ♗b5 31.♕h8+ ♔e7 32.♕f6+ ♔f8 33.♕h8+ ♔e7 34.♕×d8+ ♖×d8 35.d6+ ♔f8 36.f3 ♖e2 37.♖×e2 ♗×e2
½-½

Anjaneya Rao (1433) − Tony Joe Britton (1128) [B57] Moline Open (3)

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♗c4 g6 8.♘g5 ♗e6 9.♗×e6 f×e6 10.♘×e6 ♕e7 11.♘d5 ♘×d5 12.e×d5 ♘d4 13.♗g5 ♕f7 14.♘×d4 e×d4 15.♕×d4 ♗g7 16.♕f4 ♗×b2 17.♕×d6 ♗×a1 18.♔d2 ♕×f2+ 19.♔d1 ♕d4+ 20.♗d2 ♗c3 21.♖e1+ ♔f7 22.♖e7+ ♔f8 23.♖×b7+ ♔g8 24.♕e6+ 1-0

Joseph Ronald Millam (1395) − Edward Reedy (1431) [B45] Moline Open (3)

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♘f6 6.♗g5 h6 7.♗h4 ♗e7 8.♘db5 a6 9.♗×f6 ♗×f6 10.♘d6+ ♔f8 11.♕h5 ♗×c3+ 12.b×c3 ♕f6 13.♕c5 ♕e5 14.♘×b7+ ♕×c5 15.♘×c5 d6 16.♘b3 ♔e7 17.♘d4 ♘×d4 18.c×d4 ♖b8 19.♗d3 ♖b6 20.0-0 ♗d7 21.f4 ♖hb8 22.c4 ♖b2 23.♖ab1 ♖×b1 24.♖×b1 ♖×b1+ 25.♗×b1 ♗a4 26.♔f2 e5 27.♔e2 ♔d7 28.♔d2 ♔c6 29.f×e5 d×e5 30.d5+ ♔c5 31.♔c3 f5 32.e×f5 1-0

Shawn Nevalainen (1878) − Luis M Peralta (1847) [D00] Moline Open (4)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♗f4 e6 3.e3 c5 4.c3 d5 5.♘d2 ♘c6 6.♗d3 c4 7.♗e2 b5 8.♗f3 ♗b7 9.e4 d×e4 10.♘×e4 ♘d5 11.♗g3 f5 12.♘d2 f4 13.♗×d5 ♕×d5 14.♗×f4 ♕×g2 15.♔f3 ♘×d4 16.♕×g2 ♗×g2 17.c×d4 ♗×h1 18.f3 ♗b4 19.♔f2 ♖f8 20.♗e3 ♗×d2 21.♗×d2 ♖f5 22.♖f1 ♔d7 23.♔g3 ♖af8 24.h3 ♖8f6 25.♖f2 ♔c6 26.h4 ♔d5 27.a3 ♖g6+ 28.♔h2 ♖×g1 29.♔×g1 ♗×f3 30.♔h2 ♔×d4 31.♔g3 ♔e4 32.♗c3 g5 33.♗d2 g4 34.♗c3 ♖d5 35.♖d2 ♕e3 36.♖f2 ♖d1 37.♖g2 ♗×g2 38.♔×g2 h5 0-1

Adam Christopher Gibson (1584) − Artur Mueller (1798) [B52] Moline Open (4)

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♗b5+ ♗d7 4.a4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e2 ♘c6 7.d3 e6 8.♗g5 ♗e7 9.d4 c×d4 10.♘×d4 0-0 11.g4 ♖c8 12.♗e3 ♘×d4 13.♕×d4 e5 14.♕d1 ♖×c3 15.b×c3 ♘×e4 16.♗d3 ♗c6 17.♗×e4 ♗×e4 18.f3 ♗h4+ 19.♔f1 ♗c6 20.♖g1 ♕f6 21.g5 ♕f5 22.♖g4 ♗×f3 0-1

Pedro Gudino (1798) − Abhyudaya Shukla (1769) [B23] Moline Open (4)

1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘d4 4.♗c4 e6 5.f4 a6 6.a4 ♘e7 7.d3 d5 8.♗a2 d×e4 9.d×e4 ♘ec6 10.♘f3 ♘b4 11.♘×d4 ♕×d4 12.♕e2 ♗d7 13.♗e3 ♘×c2+ 14.♔f2 ♕×e3+ 15.♕×e3 ♘×e3 16.♔×e3 ♗d6 17.♖hd1 ♔e7 18.♖d2 ♗c6 19.♖ad1 ♖hd8 20.g4 f5 21.♖×d6 ♖×d6 22.e×f5 e×f5 23.g×f5 ♖ad8 24.♘d5+ ♗×d5
½-½

James Francescon (1725) − Don J Bruemmer (1698) [D02] Moline Open (4)

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 e6 3.♗f4 c5 4.e3 ♘c6 5.c3 d5 6.♗d3 ♕b6 7.♕c2 ♗e7 8.♘bd2 ♗d7 9.♘e5 c×d4 10.e×d4 ♖c8 11.♕b1 ♘×e5 12.♗×e5 h6 13.a4 a5 14.0-0 ♗d6 15.♘f3 ♕c7 16.♖e1 ♗c6 17.♗×d6 ♕×d6 18.♘e5 0-0 19.♕d1 ♘d7 20.f4

♘×e5 21.f×e5 ♕e7 22.♕g4 ♕g5 23.♕×g5 h×g5 24.♖e3 ♗d7 25.g4 ♖c7 26.♔g2 g6 27.♖f3 ♗c6 28.♗c2 ♔g7 29.♖af1 ♖cc8 30.♔f2 ♖h8 31.h3 ♖hf8 32.♔e2 b5 33.a×b5 ♗×b5+ 34.♗d3 ♗c4 35.♗×c4 ♖×c4 36.♔d2 ♖a4 37.♔c2 ♔g8 38.♔b1 ♖c4 39.b3 ♖cc8 40.♔b2 ♖b8 41.♖a1 ♖a8 42.b4
½-½

Joseph Ronald Millam (1395) − Anjaneya Rao (1433) [B56] Moline Open (4)

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗b5 ♗d7 7.0-0 g6 8.♗e3 ♗g7 9.f4 0-0 10.♘×c6 ♗×c6 11.♗×c6 b×c6 12.♕e1 ♘g4 13.♗d2 ♗d4+ 14.♔h1 ♕b6 15.♘d1 ♗g7 16.♗c3 ♖ab8 17.♗×g7 ♔×g7 18.b3 ♖fd8 19.h3 ♘f6 20.c4 ♖d7 21.♘c3 ♖bd8 22.♖d1 ♕b7 23.♕e3 ♔g8 24.f5 d5 25.c×d5 c×d5 26.e×d5 ♘×d5 27.♘×d5 ♖×d5 28.♖×d5 ♖×d5 29.f×g6 h×g6 30.♕f3 e6
½-½

Shantanu Agarwal − Edward Reedy (1431) [B41] Moline Open (4)

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 e6 5.c4 a6 6.♘c3 ♕b6 7.♘b3 ♗e7 8.♗e3 ♕c7 9.♗e2 ♘f6 10.f3 0-0 11.♕d2 ♘e5 12.♕d4 ♘c6 13.♕b6 ♕b8 14.♘d4 ♘×d4 15.♗×d4 d6 16.0-0 ♘d7 17.♕b3 ♘c5 18.♕c2 ♘d7 19.b3 h5 20.♖ad1 h4 21.f4 f5 22.e×f5 e×f5 23.♘d5 ♗d8 24.b4 ♘f6 25.♗d3 ♘×d5 26.c×d5 ♗d7 27.♕c3 ♖f7 28.♗e2 ♗f6 29.♗h5 ♗×d4+ 30.♕×d4 ♖f6 31.♖fe1 ♕f8 32.♖c1 g6 33.♗f3 ♕d8 34.a3 ♖f8 35.♖c3 ♖c8 36.♖ce3 ♖e8 37.♖×e8+ ♗×e8 38.♖e6 ♗f7 39.♖e1 ♕d7 40.♕f6 ♖e8 0-1

Athena Xiemeng Wu − David Edward Reke [B22] Moline U1400 (1)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♘c6 3.d4 e6 4.♘f3 d5 5.e×d5 ♕×d5 6.♗e3 c4 7.♘bd2 b5 8.b3 ♗a6 9.♗e2 ♘f6 10.♘e5 ♘×e5 11.d×e5 ♕×e5 12.♗d4 ♕g5 13.♗f3 ♖d8 14.b×c4 b×c4 15.♖b1 ♗d6 16.♕a4+ ♖d7 17.♕×a6 0 0 18.♘e4 ♘×e4 19.♗×e4 ♗×h2 20.♖×h2 ♕f4 21.♗×h7+ ♔h8 22.♖h3 ♖fd8 23.♕×c4 ♖d6 24.♗×g7+ ♔×g7 25.♕×f4 f6 26.♕h6+ ♔f7 27.♗g6+ ♔e7 28.♕g7# 1-0

Kyros Yuefan Wu (1218) − Jeremy Welvaert (879) [C50] Moline U1400 (1)

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.d3 a6 5.♘c3 ♕f6 6.♘d5 ♕d6 7.c3 ♘ge7 8.d4 ♘×d5 9.d×c5 ♘f4 10.c×d6 ♘×g2+ 11.♔f1 b5 12.♗×f7+ ♔×f7 13.♔×g2 c×d6 14.♕d5+ ♔e8 15.♘g5 ♖f8 16.♖f1 ♗b7 17.♕×d6 ♖f6 18.♕d3 ♖g6 19.♖d1 ♗c8 20.f4 h6 21.f5 ♖×g5+ 22.♗×g5 h×g5 23.♕g3 ♗b7 24.♕×g5 ♘e7 25.♖e1 ♖c8 26.♕×g7 ♘×f5 27.♕g8+ ♔e7 28.♕h7+ ♔d6 29.♕×f5 ♖g8+ 30.♔h1 ♔e7 31.♕×e5+ ♔d8 32.♕b8+ 1-0

Fidel Vallejo (1162) − Dr Thomas Ebalo (516) [C23] Moline U1400 (1)

1.e4 e5 2.♗c4 ♗c5 3.♕f3 ♘f6 4.d3 d6 5.h3 a6 6.a3 0-0 7.♘e2 ♘c6 8.♘bc3 ♗e6 9.♘d5 ♘d7 10.♕g3 h5 11.♗a2 a5 12.♗h6 ♖b8 13.♕×g7# 1-0

Gabriel C Fromas (959) − Kyros Yuefan Wu (1218) [C70] Moline U1400 (2)

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Athena Ximeng Wu (991) − Fidel Vallejo (1162) [C71] Moline U1400 (2)

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George William Meister (1166) − Dr Thomas Ebalo (516) [C42]
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Fidel Vallejo (1162) − David Edward Reke (1380) [B01] Moline U1400 (3)

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Kyros Yuefan Wu (1218) − George William Meister (1166) [C41]
Moline U1400 (3)

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Greetings from western Illinois (Carthage---south of Burlington, East of Keokuk)!

This not a "crucial" matter, but my given name is "Samuel Naylor, VI," because I was the 6th Samuel in a row in six generations of the Naylor family.
In the *En Passant* magazine---my beloved magazine!—my roman-numeral is mis-typed as "IV" [=4] instead of "VI" [=6]. Could you persuade the publisher of the magazine to have my name typed "Samuel Naylor, VI" ?

I'm sure that the "typo" is not causing me to lose games at the Tri-State Chess Club in Keokuk. My dear Mother and my dear Grandmother could not agree on a middle name at my birth (which disagreement I learned about from my wife after those sweet ladies had passed away) so their "conflict" led to nothing but "scorched earth" between the Samuel and the Naylor, and thus …. the roman numeral VI appeared. The middle name proposed by Grandma was Elijah, after her Civil-War veteran, her father, Elijah Jones----actually, I would have loved that. Of course, I have wondered why my Dad's name was Samuel Joseph Naylor and not Samuel Elijah Naylor, when my Mom was not yet born herself and could not have voiced any objection?

Sorry to run on about this, but I am now retiring from the practice of law, and my mind is "free to roam," though I am going to direct it a bit more into the world of Chess.

Merry Christmas and Happy 2019!
--Sam

3rd Annual DMA Scholastic Team Chess

October 20, 2018 **West Des Moines**

TDs: William Broich and Jim Freerksen

#	Player	Pre-R	Post-R	Pre-Q	Post-Q	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Rao, Anjaneya	1484*	1489*	1305*	1319*	W29	W25	W4	W2	W6	5.0
2	Soni, Anirudh Ana	912*	934*	918*	938*	W17	W16	W11	L1	W14	4.0
3	Anbukumar, Satvik	682*	769*	713*	785*	W34	W14	L7	W5	W10	4.0
4	Martin, James D	737*	819*	836*	873*	W27	W23	L1	W15	W7	4.0
5	Huang, Matthew	661/11	686/16	666/11	693/16	W28	W40	W22	L3	W11	4.0
6	Ducharme, Aidan	1031*	1025*	982*	980*	W9	W26	W10	D7	L1	3.5
7	Zou, Jeffrey	690/12	766/17	694/12	777/17	W32	W18	W3	D6	L4	3.5
8	Ducharme, Dylan	257*	449*	272*	466*	H0	W36	W13	W25	L12	3.5
9	Whipple, Ned	218/03	509/08	177/03	497/08	L6	W19	W25	D21	W23	3.5
10	Jithendra, Amogh	770*	754*	762*	746*	W38	W20	L6	W16	L3	3.0
11	Rajan, Surya	689/22	699*	694/22	709*	W12	W24	L2	W26	L5	3.0
12	Zou, Henry	525/06	547/11	570/06	574/11	L11	W37	W20	L17	W8	3.0
13	Rajan, Sachin	518/22	479*	544/22	500*	W35	W32	L8	W40	L20	3.0
14	Thilges, John Mic	432/14	556/19	453/19	570/24	W33	L3	W18	W27	L2	3.0
15	Kindy, Ronin	355/04	410/09	226/09	331/14	L20	W38	W40	L4	W28	3.0
16	Krantz, Conrad	348/16	437/21	388/16	460/21	W31	L2	W34	L10	W29	3.0
17	Rutledge, Kameron	143/14	362/18	148/14	370/18	L2	W35	W30	W12	U0	3.0
18	Felbapov, Luka	541/00	583/05	541/00	606/05	W21	L7	L14	W34	W26	3.0
19	Talluri, Kovidh E	500/00	451/05	500/00	460/05	L26	L9	W33	W36	W27	3.0
20	Krahn, Ethan	540/00	545/05	540/00	541/05	W15	L10	L12	W31	W13	3.0
21	Yeluri, Digvijay	484/12	479/16	485/12	482/16	L18	W31	W32	D9	U0	2.5
22	Fletcher, Alexand	316*	310*	352*	340*	H0	W30	L5	L23	W34	2.5
23	Kneifl, Miles Nic	273/05	366/09	276/05	369/09	W37	L4	H0	W22	L9	2.5
24	Gray, Dominic	708/06	534/11	709/06	535/11	W36	L11	L27	L29	W30	2.0
25	Green, Eli Daniel	542/12	488/17	583/12	522/17	W39	L1	L9	L8	W40	2.0
26	Nossuli, Julien	539/19	525/24	631/24	593*	W19	L6	W28	L11	L18	2.0
27	Pontius, Andrew	703/03	572/08	645/03	557/08	L4	W29	W24	L14	L19	2.0
28	Ducharme, Derek	343/00	294/05	343/00	294/05	L5	W39	L26	W35	L15	2.0
29	Qi, Alan Z	547/00	434/05	547/00	437/05	L1	L27	W35	W24	L16	2.0
30	Riessen, Noah	392/00	154/04	392/00	169/04	H0	L22	L17	W32	L24	1.5
31	Riessen, Caden	499/00	105/05	499/00	112/05	L16	L21	W36	L20	L32	1.0
32	Pontius, Kathryn	350/00	105/05	350/00	113/05	L7	L13	L21	L30	W31	1.0
33	Gupta, Saesha	354/00	101/04	354/00	101/04	L14	L34	L19	B0	L36	1.0
34	Von Gillern, Jp	368/00	163/05	368/00	182/05	L3	W33	L16	L18	L22	1.0
35	Goding, Madison	505/00	101/04	505/00	101/04	L13	L17	L29	L28	B0	1.0
36	Goding, Sydney	505/00	105/05	505/00	105/05	L24	L8	L31	L19	W33	1.0
37	James, Leo	396/18	325/20	381/18	315/20	L23	L12	H0	U0	U0	0.5
38	Alg, Ingrid	605/00	100/02	605/00	100/02	L10	L15	H0	U0	U0	0.5
39	Alg, Gustav	605/00	100/02	605/00	100/02	L25	L28	H0	U0	U0	0.5
40	Raman, Raunak	299/00	101/04	299/00	101/04	U0	L5	L15	L13	L25	0.0

Puzzle Time Answer:

1.♕h4+ ♖f6 [1...f6 2.♕h7+ ♖g7 3.♕×g7#; 1...♖g5 2.♕×g5+ f6 3.♕g7#]
2.♕×b4+ ♕d6 [2...♕c5 3.♕×c5#] **3.♕×d6#**

Recap of K-12 Nationals 2018
By Srinivas Rao

On December 13th we flew down to Orlando for the K-12 Grade Championships so that our son, Anjaneya, could compete in the 3rd grade championship. If you had told me a year ago that we would be doing this, I wouldn't have believed you. Anjaneya played in his first tournament in September of last year, and struggled with controlling his temper after some tough losses. By last December he had played in three tournaments, and though he loved the game, his emotions often got the best of him, and he'd struggled to reach a rating of 537. In 2018, however, Anjaneya made a decision to work on controlling his emotions and to put in time to work on his game, learning from Youtube videos, Chesskid, and Chess.com exercises, as well as learning from any local club player that was willing to talk to him. So here we were, flying off to Orlando, with Anjaneya rated a 1635 and a #6 seed in the 3rd grade, with a real chance of winning the tournament.

My wife, Tally, and I were focused on making sure the experience would be a fun one. Anjaneya always puts a ton of pressure on himself and has a perfectionist streak that we've worried about. I may have gotten him into playing chess, but he's the one that is constantly telling us about the next tournament he wants to play in, and what his goals are. The challenge, it seems, is to remind him that he's an 8 year old and that it's okay to be a kid. So, as we flew to Orlando, we emphasized that the result didn't matter. We were here to have fun, and when the tournament was over, we were going to celebrate by going to the Universal Studios Harry Potter World theme park and having a blast.

Secretly, though, I worried. I know how Anjaneya takes losses, and like any dad, I hate seeing my kid in tears. I'd talked to other parents in Chicago and knew that the top kids were getting coaching from GMs and IMs, and had scouting books prepared for potential opponents. Some were homeschooled and specialized in chess. Meanwhile, Anjaneya had been living a different kind of life. He took pride in hitting clean-up for his baseball team and working on controlling his fastball. He enjoyed going wild on the basketball court and playing shut down defense, even if that meant he got called for fouls more than was good for anyone. Chess was a game he liked to play, but we struggled to keep up with his passion. St. Louis chess club videos helped, and Jim Freerksen, who coached his school team, had gone out of his way to coach Anjaneya and prepare him for what was to come. But the truth seemed obvious to me: we were up against chess powerhouses, and no matter what the ratings said, Anjaneya might be in over his head.

As we arrived on Thursday and settled in the hotel, our focus was on getting a good night's rest. The tournament was three days long, with two games played on Friday, three on Saturday, and two on Sunday. With time controls of G90 d5, it was going to be important to be well rested, especially during the marathon Saturday. Naturally, Anjaneya would have none of it. His chess.com handle of "Night Owl Calculator" is well earned. Getting him to bed before 11 p.m. is a perpetual fight, and he's constantly asking, "Why do I need to sleep?" Usually, the lack of rest doesn't seem to bother him too much, but I've seen him wilt in long tournaments, and I knew it could be a factor. So, with a heroic parental effort, Tally and I managed to get him to go to bed by 10 p.m.

The next day we arrived for the tournament to find a total madhouse. 1700 players were competing in 14 sections, and with all the parents milling around, it was a challenge to find the pairings board, let alone a place to camp out while the games were played. At nationals parents weren't allowed in the tournament room,

and we couldn't peek in, so the only way we would know what was going on in a game was when our kid came out after the game was over. Tally and I set up Anjaneya at his board, took a quick picture of him, and then went out into the main hallway and set up some lawn chairs to wait out the game. Anjaneya was paired against an 1100 from one of the New York powerhouse schools, so we expected a long game, especially as Anjaneya likes to use all his time during his games. Tally and I pulled up a movie on my laptop and shared ear buds as we waited outside the doors of the tournament hall. Ten minutes into the first game, kids started pouring out, half in tears, the other half with big grins on their faces. The madhouse slowly thinned out, and by thirty minutes in, the crowd of parents had been cut in half. Then, at the forty minute mark, a surprise: Anjaneya ambled out, his head bowed, chess bag heavy on his shoulder. My heart lurched and I got up out of my chair, ready to give him a big hug. Then he spotted me, tilted his head back, and gave me a thumbs up and a big toothy grin.

"I caught him with a tactic," he said. "Trade, trade, trade, then bishop h7 check, and I took his queen. He kept fighting, but the game was over. Can we go swimming now?"

I checked the clock. Next game was at 6 p.m. and we had more than four hours before then.

"Okay," I said, "But for only an hour."

Two hours later, we were back from our swim in the hotel pool, only to find that Jim Freerksen had sent us a text about the next round.

"Pairings are out," It said.

And that's how I finally discovered that you could find the pairings online and didn't need to squeeze between the other parents at the pairings board to figure out what was going on.

His next game against an 1000 from Washington went even faster than the first. We'd barely settled in before Anjaneya was out of the tournament room.

"I think he was scared," Anjaneya said. "He dropped two pieces and resigned after 11 moves."

With that, the first day was over. I texted Freerksen to let him know what had happened, and he quickly texted back: "Get him to bed soon. Tomorrow is going to be a big day for him."

We tried. After dinner and a shower, Anjaneya wanted to watch some Youtube videos on what would happen if we fell into a blackhole. We put Anjaneya to bed, but he kept waking up and asking questions about things I vaguely remembered from college classes. I made up answers, promised to help him research the truth in the morning, reminded him that he had three games tomorrow. By the time he finally fell asleep, it was 11:30.

I woke up in the morning to a message from Freerksen. "I found some of her games." Anjaneya's 10 a.m. match was against Reese Rutkoske, a strong player from New York's famous chess powerhouse, the Dalton school. With a mid 1300 rating, she would definitely be a challenge. Freerksen had emailed me a couple games Rutkoske had played 6 months ago. Anjaneya likes to open with e4 variants, and she often responded with d5. I showed him her games while he ate his breakfast. Tally had made him a PB&J to eat in the room.

"I've seen that before," he said. "But…" he went back and forth over a few moves, his brow furrowed. "That's strange."

I looked over his shoulder, clueless. I was useless.

When I got Anjaneya settled at his board, Reese and her mother said hello. Reese opened a book and began leafing through it.

“There you are,” she said.

I could see Anjaneya’s name at the top of the sheet, along with written comments and notation from some of his previous games.

“We studied you in chess class,” she said.

I tried to get a peek at the book, but she put it away quickly.

The TD’s started calling out for the parent’s to leave the room.

“Don’t worry,” they said, “We’ll return your kids to you safely.”

Tally and I sat outside the tournament room, waiting for the madhouse to dissipate. Thirty minutes in, the crowd began to thin. An hour in, the crowd thinned even further. Two hours in, and I began to feel nervous. Some parents talked to each other, but others just paced nervously, or stared with vacant looks at the doors to the tournament hall, waiting for their kids to come out. Two and half hours in, there were only a dozen of us left waiting.

“This is not good,” I told Tally. “He’s in a battle.”

“He’ll be fine,” she said.

Finally, ten minutes before the three hour mark, Anjaneya wearily pushed his way through the tournament doors. He dropped his bag at my feet with a heavy sigh.

“She was tough and wouldn’t give up,” he said. “I got in time trouble.”

“A draw?” I asked.

He looked up at me quizzically, brushing his brown hair out of his eyes.

“No,” he said, “I caught her with a pin. She lost.”

We hustled back to the hotel room, ate quickly, and looked at the online pairings.

“There’s nothing on this kid,” Freerksen texted. He was an unknown mid-1300 from Kentucky.

With barely any time to spare, we went back down to the tournament room, and set Anjaneya up at his board.

“What’s the plan?” I asked him. It was a ritual of ours before every game that I asked him this question.

“To have a plan to have fun,” he said, smiling.

We high fived, and I took my spot next to Tally outside the tournament room.

Again, slowly the crowd dissipated, leaving us increasingly alone until close to the three hour mark, Anjaneya again trudged out. This time he flashed the thumbs up before he came close.

“Tough game,” he said simply. “I’m hungry.”

We hustled up to the room and ate another hurried meal. Tally had used the rental car to get groceries for the room so we wouldn’t be forced to wait on room service and could make sure we had healthy (and cheap!) meals at our disposal. Walking up to the room, I had seen the overflowing restaurants of the hotel, and was glad she had planned things out so well. If we had been forced to wait at a restaurant and hope to get Anjaneya fed in time for his next game, it would have been a disaster.

Anjaneya’s final game of the day was at 6 p.m., and this time Freerksen sent some game notation along with his thoughts on the pairing.

“If he wins this, he’s got a legitimate shot at the title,” Freerksen wrote.

Anjaneya’s opponent, Oliver Boydell, was a 1500 from New York and sure to be a tough opponent. However, Anjaneya

would have white, and his opponent looked like he favored the Sicilian Dragon as black. That was an opening Anjaneya had studied extensively. I liked his chances. Still, he had already played for six hours, and had only had eight hours of sleep the night before.

We settled in outside the tournament room and watched as the crowd thinned through the night. As we neared the three hour mark, we found ourselves again waiting with a handful of other parents. Finally, even they disappeared with their kids as Anjaneya and Boydell battled on, the last game of the night.

“What’s going on,” Freerksen texted me. “The suspense is killing me.”

I snuck up to the doors of the tournament room and peeked inside. I could see Anjaneya and Boydell way off in the distance. I opened the door a little more to try to get a better look. A TD came over and scolded me, so I returned to my chair.

Finally, the door opened. Boydell came out in a brisk walk, a smile on his face. A couple minutes later, Anjaneya came out, looking completely worn out.

“A draw,” he said. “I was in huge time pressure. I tried a tactic. It didn’t work. He offered a draw, and I was almost out of time, so I took it.”

We went up straight to the room, fed him, and put him straight to bed. He was exhausted, and rightfully so. I looked up the pairings for tomorrow. Anjaneya had slipped to 5th and was a half point behind the leaders, but he had played the toughest schedule and had a lot of tie breaks in his favor. With a bit of luck, he had a chance.

Before I went to bed, I analyzed the game with the Chess.com engine. It had been a back and forth struggle, with both players building slight advantages that dissipated a few moves later. Then, towards the end, Anjaneya had tried a rook sacrifice. The analysis was clear. It was the winning move and had set up a mate in three. With seconds left on his clock, Anjaneya hadn’t seen it.

Sunday morning, Anjaneya woke us up, excited to get going. I didn’t mention the analysis of his last game, and just focused on keeping things light. We didn’t have any notes on Anjaneya’s upcoming opponent, a mid 1400 player who had won all his games. Anjaneya watched some Youtube videos, and we went down to set him up for his next game.

“Don’t worry about a thing,” I told him. “Just have some fun. You’ve been doing awesome.”

He gave me a big smile and nodded as his opponent took the seat opposite him. I went out into the hallway, settling in for another long wait.

An hour later, Anjaneya was out of the room with a big smile.

“He played the Queen’s gambit, and I countered with the Slav. He knew his opening, but didn’t have a good plan after. I had a pretty big advantage about fifteen moves in.”

We went back to the hotel room to relax and wish for a bit of luck from the other games. Finally, an hour before the next round, the pairings were up. Xan Meister was the only player with 6 points, and Anjaneya would be playing him on board 1. With the way tie-breaks shook out, if Anjaneya won, he was guaranteed first. If he got a draw, he’d end up in second or third place, with Xan getting first. Xan Meister was a familiar opponent, a high 1700 player from New York that Anjaneya had lost to six months before. That time, Anjaneya had tried the Caro Kann as black and had been torn apart. This time, though, he would get a chance as white. Tally and I were also excited to see that the game would be covered on twitch.tv, so we’d get a chance to follow the game live.

We went down to the tournament room a bit early, and Tally went into full photographer mode and got pictures from every angle. I gave Anjaneya a hug and set a chocolate granola bar next to his water bottle.

“This is magic chocolate,” I told him. “Eat it when you need extra brain power. It’s guaranteed to help.”

Anjaneya laughed.

“I’m serious,” I said. “Use the chocolate.”

“Or don’t,” Tally said, frowning at me. She was anti-sugar, especially during chess matches.

“Trust me. It’s magic,” I whispered in his ear, giving him a good pat on the shoulder before we walked out of the room.

We settled into our chairs in the hallway and called up the broadcast on our phones, sharing ear buds to hear the audio.

To my surprise, Xan quickly went into a French advance variation, something that Anjaneya had just been studying the week before. Anjaneya played the opening line the way I remembered it, but then Xan pulled a surprise in move ten, moving his knight from e7 to c8.

“I don’t get it,” I said to Tally.

It didn’t look like Anjaneya did either, as he went into deep think, minutes ticking off his clock. Finally, Anjaneya repositioned his knight on the kingside, looking to build his attack with a pawn storm. A few moves later, Xan had his knights on a4 and a5. To my eye, it looked ugly. Anjaneya’s dark square bishop was locked in defending b2, but Xan’s knights were locked up on the a file. If Anjaneya could get his attack going on the kingside, those knights wouldn’t have time to help out. Anjaneya continued to reposition, but I could see time ticking on his clock. He was having trouble coming up with a plan. Then, suddenly, on move 21, the queens were exchanged. A few second later, a result flashed for the board. A draw.

Anjaneya soon walked out, his bag slung over his shoulder.

“What happened?” I asked.

“A draw,” he said with a shrug. “I couldn’t seem to get anything going. I think he was ahead anyway.”

I gave him a big hug. I thought it was the other way around, that Anjaneya had the advantage and could have broken through, but I didn’t say anything. Maybe fear of losing had made him tentative. Or maybe he was right and there was really no way to break through.

“You did amazing,” I said.

“Do you know what place I got?”

“It doesn’t matter. Did you have fun?”

He gave me a big smile.

“It was cool playing on the top board. Xan was really nice too. We had fun.”

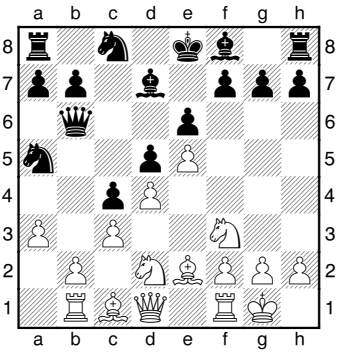
Later that night, as Anjaneya accepted his third place trophy, struggling to carry it off the stage, a huge smile on his face, I couldn’t help but smile too. It’s been a fun year for all of us, and we look forward to continuing the journey with him in 2019.

Event: k-12 Nationals, 3rd grade championships
Site: Orlando, FL
Date: 12/16/18
Round: 7
White: Anjaneya Rao (1613)
Black: Xan Meister (1701)
Result: ½-½

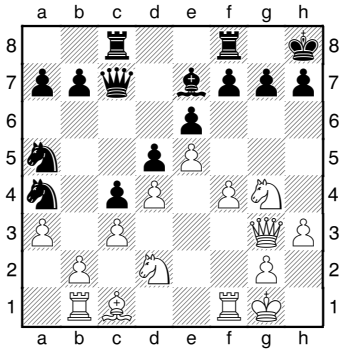
(Going into the final game, I was thinking I needed to beat this guy because he beat me last year and that I didn’t want to get humiliated on t.v. I wasn’t really nervous, just excited to have a rematch. I knew that if I won, I would get first in the tournament, and that if I got a draw, I might finish in second to fourth place. But if I lost, I might not get a trophy.)

1.e4 e6 (the moment he played this, I felt sure he was going to play the French and

that made me feel comfortable) **2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♘c6 5.♘f3 ♕b6 6.a3 c4 7.♘bd2** { C02: French Defense: Advance, Paulsen, Main Line, 6...c4 7.♘bd2 } **7...♘a5 8.♗e2 ♗d7 9.O-O ♘e7 10.♖b1 ♘c8** (Moving the knight to c8 made me



very uncomfortable. I hadn't seen it before. He made the move quickly, and I thought it must be part of his opening preparation. I thought his plan was probably to develop ♕c7, ♘b6, ♗a4, and ♘b3, and I didn't know how I would stop that. So, I thought of getting my attack going on the kingside with h3, ♘h2, f4, and then f5.) **11.h3** (The engine said 11.b4 c×b3 12.♘×b3 ♗a4 13.♘fd2 ♕c7 would have been a much stronger way to go, but I didn't do it because I thought my c-pawn would become too weak) **11...♕c7 12.♘h2 ♘b6 13.f4 ♗a4 14.♕e1 ♗e7 15.♗d1 ♖c8** { (0.00 → +0.62) The engine calls this an inaccuracy and says that the better move was 15...♗×d1 16.♕×d1 ♕d7 17.♕e2 O-O-O but I didn't feel that I had an advantage, and actually felt I was at a disadvantage with all the pressure on the queenside) **16.♗×a4+ ♘×a4 17.♕g3** (the engine says that 17.f5 e×f5 18.♖×f5 ♕c6 19.♖f1 O-O 20.♘df3 ♕g6 would have been much better for me, but I was worried about 17… ♗×a3 18. ♗×a3 ♘×c3 with a powerful passed pawn, and so I moved my queen to protect it) **17...O-O 18.♘g4 ♔h8** { (+0.51 → +2.08) The engine



considers this a mistake, but I didn't see it at the time. He needed to play f5 because a big weakness for him is that his knights are stuck on the other side of the board, and I can get a strong attack started. But I didn't see it that way and thought I needed to bring more pieces into the attack before I started it.) **19.♕f3** { (+2.15 → +0.29) The engine says I made a mistake and should have gotten the attack going with 19.f5 f6 20.f×e6 ♘c6 21.♘f3 f5 22.♘h6 g×h6 23.♗×h6 ♖g8 24.♘g5 ♗×g5 25.♗×g5 ♖cf8 26.♕h4 ♕g7 27.♗f6 ♖×f6 28.♕×f6} **19...♕d7 20.f5 e×f5** { (+0.69 → +1.57) Inaccuracy. A better move was 20... f6. } **21.♕×f5** { (+1.69 → +0.52) Inaccuracy. A better move was 21. ♘e3. } **21...♕e6** { (+0.50 → +1.50) Inaccuracy. A better move was 21... ♕×f5. } **22.♕×e6** { (+1.39 → -0.44) The engine calls this a mistake. The best move was 22. ♕c2. Our last few moves had been setting up for the queens to trade off, but I didn't need to do that and didn't see that this made a draw much more likely. If I had moved my queen to c2, I would have had better attacking chances} **22...f×e6 23.♖×f8+** (at this point, my opponent was happy to get the draw and win the tournament, and I couldn't see a way to win, but I was still happy overall with how I did in the tournament).

2018 DuHawk Open
By Eric Vigil

Congratulations to Daniel Brashaw for winning the Duhawk Open and Ishan Harwani for winning the Duhawk rated beginners open. Both players went undefeated to win their sections. Thank you to the Duhawk Chess Club and Loras College Professor Benjamin Darr for hosting this fun multi-generational event on October 20. The event was directed by Eric Vigil and Mark Capron

f	Player	St	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	T
1	Brashaw, Daniel	IA	2288*	2291*	W10	W2	W4	W5	4.0
2	Noble, Cub Rollin	IA	1858*	1884*	W9	L1	W8	W4	3.0
3	Hodina, James	IA	1895*	1908*	W5	D8	W7	U0	2.5
4	Nevalainen, Shawn	IA	1878/21	1872/25	W11	W6	L1	L2	2.0
5	Kolberg, Jason	IA	1652*	1668*	L3	W12	W6	L1	2.0
6	Agarwal, Shantanu	IA	1255/00	1706/04	W7	L4	L5	W11	2.0
7	Darr, Benjamin J	IA	1858*	1816*	L6	W11	L3	D9	1.5
8	Shukla, Abhyudaya	IA	1811*	1804*	W12	D3	L2	U0	1.5
9	Vigil, Jacob T	IA	1318*	1335*	L2	L10	W13	D7	1.5
10	Gangavarapu, Sree	IL	1611*	1617*	L1	W9	U0	U0	1.0
11	Johnson, Daniel	IA	1496*	1486*	L4	L7	W12	L6	1.0
12	Johll, Michael	IA	1195/00	1236/04	L8	L5	L11	W13	1.0
13	Vigil, Joseph	IA	1012*	992*	H0	U0	L9	L12	0.5

#	Player	St	Pre-R	Post-R	Pre-Q	Post-Q	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Harwani, Ishan S	IA	692*	850*	701*	870*	W5	D3	W4	W2	W6	4.5
2	Vigil, Joseph	IA	992*	953*	965*	937*	D4	W6	W3	L1	W7	3.5
3	Harwani, Aryan	IA	731*	771*	866*	868*	W6	D1	L2	W4	W5	3.5
4	Hilquist, Owen	WI	697/10	692/15	689/10	696/15	D2	W5	L1	L3	W8	2.5
5	Pierce, Benjamin	IA	575*	538*	596*	562*	L1	L4	W7	W8	L3	2.0
6	Palmer, Lewis Fin	WI	166/17	230/22	185/13	243/18	L3	L2	W8	W7	L1	2.0
7	Darr, Neal	IA	116/10	109/13	112/10	109/13	H0	U0	L5	L6	L2	0.5
8	Darr, Miles W	IA	103/03	104/06	103/03	104/06	H0	U0	L6	L5	L4	0.5

Around the World: Caruana—Carlsen tie in Classical, but Carlsen Prevails Overall

On November 9 Fabiano Caruana and Magnus Carlsen started the 2018 World Chess Championship match. On November 26 the match was still tied at 6 points, having drawn all twelve games. In order to break the tie the players contested rapid games and here Magnus was still King winning 3 straight games. I enjoyed the games quite a bit. The following game was the most interesting one in my opinion.

Caruana,F (2832) − Carlsen,M (2835)
[B33] WCh 2018 London ENG (8), 19.11.2018
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 c×d4 4.♘×d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e5 [Sicilian Sveshnikov!!] **6.♘db5 d6 7.♘d5 ♘×d5 8.e×d5 ♘b8** [Δ transferring the Knight to the kingside via d7] **9.a4 ♗e7 10.♗e2 0-0 11.0-0 ♘d7 12.♗d2** [12.a5 a6 13.♘c3 ♗g5 14.♘e4 ♗×c1 15.♕×c1 ♘c5 16.♘×c5 d×c5 17.♖d1 ♕d6 1/2-1/2 (37) Jobava, B (2687)−Salgado Lopez,I (2627) Tbilisi 2017] **12...f5 13.a5 a6 14.♘a3 e4N** [Previously played: 14...♘f6 15.♗b4 ♗d7 16.♘c4 ♗b5 17.♘b6 ♗×e2 18.♕×e2 ♖b8 19.f3 (f4±) ♕e8 20.♖ad1 ♕g6 21.♘c4 ♘d7 22.b3 ♖bd8 Voll,A (2572) −Saidashev,A (2401) ICCF email 2015 1-0 (71)] **15.♘c4 ♘e5 16.♘b6** [planting a knight on an optimal square] **16...♖b8 17.f4 e×f3 18.♗×f3 g5?!** [A surprising choice from Carlsen, but it is an active move. One would have expected 18...♗f6 or 18...♘d7] **19.c4** [A strong reply gaining more space and threats on the queenside.] **19...f4 20.♗c3** [It's possible they were still in Caruana's preparation here based on the times used by both players.] **20...♗f5 21.c5!** [Jettisoning a pawn for more attack. Caruana finally spent significant time (35 minutes) on this move. Later he said he wanted to be sure he saw everything since it was such a pivotal point.] **21...♘×f3+** [Carlsen played this quickly. He was significantly behind on the clock. If 21...♗f6 then 22.c6±] **22.♕×f3 d×c5 23.♖ad1** [Natural, but not correct. Better is 1) 23.♖ae1 ♗f6 (23. ...♗d6 24.♘c4) 24.h4 dominating 24. ...h6 25.h×g5 h×g5 26.g4!! +− winning for White. Even better 2) 23.g4! Kicking the bishop. 23. ...♗g6 24.♖ad1 ♗d6 25.♖fe1 c4 26.♖e6 ♕c7 27.♕h3 +− again wining for White.] **23...♗d6 24.h3?** [Only leaving a miniscule advantage for White. Played due to the threat of g4. However, 24.Qh5 is more to the point and retains some advantage.] **24...♕e8!= 25.♘c4 ♕g6** [Caruana decides to trade down.] **26.♘×d6 ♕×d6 27.h4 g×h4!** [Important.]**28.♕×f4 ♕×f4 29.♖×f4 h5** [Making sure that the g4 square is off limits to White.] **30.♖e1 ♗g4 31.♖f6 ♖×f6 32.♗×f6 ♔f7 33.♗×h4 ♖e8 34.♖f1+ ♔g8 35.♖f6 ♖e2 36.♖g6+ ♔f8 37.d6 ♖d2 38.♖g5**
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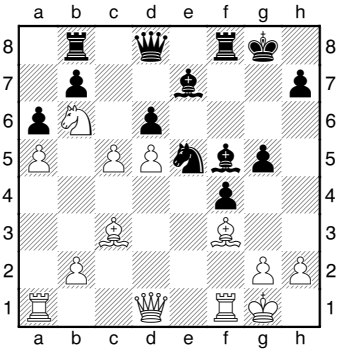

Three Rules of Work: Out of clutter find Simplicity; From discord find harmony; In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity. —Einstein

My Last Issue as Editor

A long time ago, early in 2002, I decided I was willing to take over the *En Passant* from the previous editor John Nash. My first issue was April 2002. Now we are 17 years later and this will be my last issue. I have enjoyed the 17 years and I am grateful for you the reader and all the comments (good and bad) I have received over the years without which the magazine would have suffered.

Why have I decided to step down as the editor? The company I work for has decided to move most of its production to a new location in West Virginia. This left me a choice to move to West Virginia, move to Cincinnati, OH where the R&D centers are, or to switch occupations and try to stay in Iowa. The decision my wife and I made was to move to Cincinnati. I will really miss the Iowa Chess scene that I have been part of since my first tournament in 1982.

I joined the IASCA Board of Directors in 1995 and have served on it ever since.

Some of my favorite *En Passant* memories.

My first favorite cover was the October 2002, where I had a caricature of Victor Korchnoi on an orange background for Halloween. I never had so many complaints about anything as I did that cover.

My other favorite cover was when I commissioned an artist to draw a picture of Daniel Goffstein to celebrate his win of the 2002 State Championship. July 2002.

I remember the article that Jason Juett wrote about his free trip to Bulgaria to play Super GM Veselin Topalov. Jason won a contest "Play Like Topalov" to win the free trip and play against a blindfolded Topalov. Jason was able to draw the game! July 2008.

Jon Quinn's article "Meeting Karpov" was a tale of Jon's pursuit to meet former World Champion Anatoly Karpov. Jon was able to meet Karpov and play some offhand games with him, take some pictures and get some autographs. April 2003.

My favorite title for an article may have been "Poking the Orangutan" by Ron Dieke, April 2007.

I really enjoyed all the interviews over the years. Some that stand out were:

Spotlight On: Bill Price, One Woodpusher's Memories of the Iowa Chess Scene from 1964—1970. Issue October 2005. A treasure cove of information about Iowa Chess.

Other standout Spotlight On's were Roger Gotschall, Jim Hodina and Eric Vigil.

Some of my favorite articles have been the Denker/Barber/Girls reports especially when we were able to weave in the parents thoughts and adventure.

"Back When" by Dennis Wasson was one of those articles that I was always excited to see when he sent them in.

With sadness I covered the loss of many important people over the years. To name a few of these fabulous people, John Osness, Roger Gotschall, Al Schoeman, Ryan Walker, Hugh Myers, and Steve Young.

The magazine won several Chess Journalists of America awards over the years.

Finally I wish to thank all the authors who contributed to the magazine. Some of the most prolific authors over the past 17 years: NM Tim McEntee, Hank Anzis, NM Pete Karagianis, Mehrdad Pedram, Ron Dieke, NM Randy Bauer, NM Bob Keating, NM Arshaq Saleem, and Eric Vigil.

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Joseph Wan (left) 2018 Iowa Blitz Champion with President Eric Vigil